

**Poncho And Lefty**

**Emmylou Harris**

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Subject: Pancho & Lefty as done by Emmylou Harris

PANCHO AND LEFTY

(written by Townes Van Zandt)

as done by Emmylou Harris on her album Luxury Liner

**C** **G**  
Living on the road my friend, is gonna keep you free and clean  
**F**  
Now you wear your skin like iron,  
**C** **G**  
Your breath as hard as kerosene.  
**F** **C** **F**  
You weren t your mama s only boy, but her favorite one it seems  
**C** **F** **C** **G**  
She began to cry when you said goodbye,  
**F** **Am** **Am G C**  
And sank into your dreams.  
**C** **G**  
Pancho was a bandit boys, his horse was fast as polished steel  
**F**  
He wore his gun outside his pants  
**C** **G**  
For all the honest world to feel.  
**F** **C** **F**  
Pancho met his match you know on the deserts down in Mexico  
**C** **F C G** **F** **Am Am G F**  
Nobody heard his dying words, ah but that s the way it goes.  
**F** **C** **F**  
All the Federales say they could have had him any day  
**C** **F C G** **F** **Am**  
They only let him slip away out of kindness, I suppose.  
**Am G C**  
**C** **G**  
Lefty, he can t sing the blues all night long like he used to.  
**F** **C** **G**  
The dust that Pancho bit down south ended up in Lefty s mouth  
**F** **C** **F**

The day they laid poor Pancho low, Lefty split for Ohio

**C** **F** **C** **G** **F** **Am**

Where he got the bread to go, there ain't nobody knows

**Am G F**

**F** **C** **F**

All the Federales say they could have had him any day

**C** **F** **C** **G** **F** **Am** **Am G C**

They only let him slip away out of kindness, I suppose.

**C** **G**

Poets tell how Pancho fell, and Lefty's living in a cheap hotel

**F**  
The desert's quiet and Cleveland's cold,

**C** **G**  
And so the story ends we're told

**F** **C** **F**

Pancho needs your prayers it's true, but save a few for Lefty too

**C** **F** **C** **G** **F** **Am**

He only did what he had to do, and now he's growing old

**Am G F**

**F** **C** **F**

All the Federales say they could have had him any day

**C** **F** **C** **G** **F** **Am**

They only let him slip away out of kindness, I suppose.

**Am G F**

**F** **C** **F**

A few gray Federales say they could have had him any day

**C** **F** **C** **G** **F** **Am**

They only let him go so long, out of of kindness, I suppose.