

**Pancho And Lefty**  
**Steve Earle**

tab by jofo 30/5/09

add some hammer on s when playing the Am

<b>C</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Am</b>	<b>*</b>
e-----				
b-----1-----1-----1-----1-----1-1-1-----				
g-----0-----0-----2-----2-----2-2-2-----				
d-----2-----3-----2-----3/2/0-----				
a-----3-----2-----				
e-----3-----				

**C**  
Livin on the road, my friend

**G**  
Was gonna keep us free and clean

**F**  
now you wear your skin like iron

**C** **G**  
And your breath s as hard as kerosene

**F**  
weren t your mama s only boy

**C** **F**  
But her favorite one, it seems

**Am** **F** **G**  
She began to cry when you said good bye

**F** **Am**  
And sank into your dreams  
(Verse 2)

**C**  
Pancho was a bandit, boys

**G**  
horse fast as polished steel

**F**  
Wore his guns outside his pants

**C** **G**  
For all the honest world to feel

**F**  
Pancho met his match, you know

**C** **F**  
On the deserts down in Mexico

**Am** **F** **G**  
Nobody heard his dyin words

**F** **Am**  
But that s the way it goes  
(Chorus)

**F**

And all the federales say

**C**

**F**

They could have had him any day

**Am**

**F**

**G**

They only let him hang around

**F**

**Am**

Out of kindness, I suppose

(Verse 3)

**C**

Lefty he can t sing the blues

**G**

All night long like he used to

**F**

The dust that Pancho bit down South

**C**

**G**

It ended up in Lefty s mouth

**F**

The day they laid poor Pancho low

**C**

**F**

Lefty split for Ohio

**Am**

**F**

**G**

Where he got the bread to go

**F**

**Am**

ahh there ain t nobody knows

(Chorus)

(Verse 4)

**C**

poets tell how Pancho fell

**G**

Lefty s livin in a cheap hotel

**F**

The desert s quiet and Cleveland s cold

**C**

**G**

And so the story ends, we re told

**F**

Pancho needs your prayers, it s true

**C**

**F**

But save a few for Lefty, too

**Am**

**F**

**G**

He only did what he had to do

**F**

**Am**

And now he s growin old

(Chorus)

(Final Chorus)

**F**

Yes a few old gray federales still say

**C**

**F**

They could have had him any day

**Am**

**F**

**G**

They only let him go so wrong

**F**

**Am**

Out of kindness, I suppose