

## Pancho and Lefty - by Willie Nelson

**D**  
Living on the road my friend  
**A**  
Is gonna keep you free and clean  
**G**  
Now you wear your skin like iron  
**D** **A**  
Your breath as hard as kerosene  
**G**  
Weren't your mama's only boy  
**D** **G**  
But her favorite one it seems  
**Bm** **G** **D** **A**  
She began to cry when you said goodbye  
**G** **Bm**  
And sank into your dreams

**D**  
Pancho was a bandit boys  
**A**  
his horse fast as polished steel  
**G**  
He wore his gun outside his pants  
**D** **A**  
For all the honest world to feel  
**G**  
But Pancho met his match you know  
**D** **G**  
on the deserts down in Mexico  
**Bm** **Bm** **G** **D** **A**  
Nobody heard his dying words  
**G** **Bm**  
ah but that's the way it goes

chorus

**G**  
All the Federales say  
**D** **G**  
they could have had him any day  
**Bm** **G** **D** **A**  
They only let him slip away  
**G** **Bm**  
out of kindness I suppose

**D**  
Lefty he can't sing the blues  
**A**  
all night long like he used to  
**G**  
The dust that Pancho bit down south  
**D** **A**  
ended up in Lefty's mouth  
**G**  
When they laid poor Pancho low  
**D** **G**  
Lefty split for Ohio  
**Bm** **G** **D** **A**  
where he got the bread to go  
**G** **Bm**  
there ain't nobody knows

### CHORUS

**D**  
Poets tell how Pancho fell  
**A**  
and Lefty's living in a cheap hotel  
**G**  
The desert's quiet and Cleveland's cold,  
**D** **A**  
And so the story ends we're told  
**G**  
Pancho needs your prayers it's true  
**D** **G**  
but save a few for Lefty too  
**Bm** **G** **D** **A**  
He only did what he had to do  
**G** **Bm**  
and now he's growing old

### [Final Chorus]

**G**  
A few gray federales say  
**D** **G**  
They could have had him any day  
**Bm** **G** **A**  
They only let him go so long  
**G** **Bm** **Gmaj7** **A** **D**  
Out of kindness, I suppose

D C D C D A D D A G A G D

LICK Bm

3 2 3 2 3 2 4 2 4 2 4 2 4 2

Bm to Chorus

3 2 3 2 3 2 4 2 4 2 4 3 0 2 0

End

3 2 3 2 3 2 4 2 4 2 4 2 4 2 4 2 0 2