

**D-4** **A-4**  
 Livin' on the road, my friend Was gonna keep us free and clean  
**G-4** **D-2** **A-2**  
 But now you wear your skin like iron And your breath's as hard as kerosene  
**G-4** **D-2** **G-2**  
 You weren't your mama's only son But her favorite one, it seems  
**Bm-2** **G-1** **A-4**  
 She began to cry When you said good bye  
**G-2** **Bm-4**  
 And sank into your dreams

**D-4** **A-4**  
 Pancho was a bandit, boys His horse was fast as polished steel  
**G-4** **D-2** **A-2**  
 Wore his guns outside his pants For all the honest world to feel  
**G-4** **D-2** **G-2**  
 Pancho met his match, you know On the borders down in Mexico  
**Bm-2** **G-1** **A-4** **G-2** **Bm-4**  
 No one heard his dyin' words But that's the way it goes

**G-4** **D-2** **G-2**  
*And all the federales say They could have had him any day*  
**Bm-2** **G-1** **A-4** **G-2** **Bm-4**  
*They only let him hang around Out of kindness, I suppose*

**D-4** **A-4**  
 Now Lefty he can't sing the blues All night long like he used to  
**G-4** **D-2** **A-2**  
 The dust that Pancho bit down South It ended up in Lefty's mouth  
**G-4** **D-2** **G-2**  
 The day they laid old Pancho low Lefty split for Ohio  
**Bm-2** **G-1** **A-4** **G-2** **Bm-4**  
 Where he got the bread to go Well there ain't nobody 'knows

**G-4** **D-2** **G-2**  
*But all the federales say They could have had him any day*  
**Bm-2** **G-1** **A-4** **G-2** **Bm-4**  
*They only let him slip away Out of kindness, I suppose*

SOLO D-4 A-4 G-4 D-2 A-2 G-4 D-2 G-2  
Bm-2 G-1 A-4 G-2 Bm-4

D-4 A-4  
Now poets sing how Pancho fell Lefty's livin' in a cheap hotel  
G-4 D-2 A-2  
The desert's quiet and Cleveland's cold And so the story ends, we're told  
G-4 D-2 G-2  
Pancho needs your prayers, it's true But save a few for Lefty, too  
Bm-2 G-1 A-4 G-2 Bm-4  
He only did what he had to do And now he's growin' old

G-4 D-2 G-2  
*And all the federales say They could have had him any day*  
Bm-2 G-1 A-4 G-2 Bm-4  
*They only let him go so wrong Out of kindness, I suppose*  
G-4 D-2 G-2  
*Yes a few old gray federales still say They could have had him any day*  
Bm-2 G-1 A-4 G-2 Bm-4 [Bm]  
*They only let him go so wrong Out of kindness, I suppose*