

Pancho and Lefty (PUG) 2021-12-20

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Key of D
4/4

Intro - (2X)

String, Fret (h= hammer on)

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1 |--9---9---7---5---7---5-----|--0--0--2--0
2 |--10--10---9---7---9---7---3h5--|--2--2--3--2--3--2
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Verse 1

D
Livin' on the road, my friend
A
Was gonna keep you free and clean
G
And now you wear your skin like iron
D **A**
And your breath is hard as kerosene
G
Weren't your mama's only boy
D **G**
but her favorite one, it seems
Bm **G/ D/ A A**
She began to cry when you said good-bye
G **Bm Bm/// A/**
(And) sank into your dreams

Verse 2

D
Pancho was a bandit boy
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
Well, Pancho met his match, you know
D **G**
On the deserts down in Mexico
Bm **G/ D/ A A**
Nobody heard his dy-in' words
G **Bm Bm/// A/**
Ah, but that's the way it goes

Chorus 1

G
All the federales say
D **G**
They could have had him any day
Bm **G/ D/ A A**
They only let him slip a - way
G Bm Bm/// A/
Out of kindness, I suppose

Verse 3

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
The day they laid poor Pancho low
D G
Lefty split for Ohio
Bm G/ D/ A A
Where he got the bread to go
G Bm Bm/// A/
There ain't nobody knows

Chorus 2

G
All the federales say
D **G**
They could have had him any day
Bm **G/ D/ A A**
We only let him slip a - way
G Bm Bm/// A/
Out of kindness, I suppose

Verse 4

D
The poets tell how Pancho fell
A
And Lefty's livin' 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 A**
He only did what he had to do
G **Bm Bm/// A/**
And now he's growin' old

Chorus 3

G
All the federales say
D **G**
We could have had him any day
Bm **G/ D/ A A**
We only let him go so long
G **Bm Bm/// A/**
Out of kindness, I suppose

Final Chorus

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