Poncho and Lefty- Willie Nelson
Capo-2nd fret

C   G
Livin' on the road, my friend, was gonna keep you free and clean
F
But now you wear your skin like iron
C   G
And your breath is hard as kerosene
F   C   F
You weren't your mama's only boy, her favorite one, it seems
Am   F   C   G
She began to cry when you said... good bye
F   Am //////G C
And sank into your dreams

C   G
Poncho was a bandit, boys, rode a horse fast as polished steel
F
He wore his gun outside his pants
C   G
For all the honest world to feel
F   C   F
Poncho met his match, you know, on the deserts down in Mexico
Am   F C   G///////   F   Am
Nobody heard his dyin' words...ahh, but that's the way it goes

F   C   F
All the Federales say, they could have had him any day
Am   F   C G///////   F   Am   G C
They only let him slip away, ...out of kindness, I suppose

C   G
Lefty he can't sing the blues, all night long like he used to
F   C   G
The dust that Poncho bit down South, ended up in Lefty's mouth
F   C   F
The day they laid poor Poncho low, Lefty split for Ohio
Am   F   C G///////   F   Am
Where he got the bread to go...... there ain't nobody knows

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F                               C                              F
All the Federales say, they could have had him any day
Am                      F      C G////////   F           Am
They only let him slip away........ out of kindness, I suppose


Solo:
 F //////// C //// F ////

Am //// F C G ////////

F //// Am //// ////  G C


C
The poets tell how Poncho fell
G
And Lefty's livin' in a cheap hotel
F
The desert's quiet....Cleveland's cold
C                 G
And so the story ends, we're told
F
Poncho needs your prayers, it's true
C                 F
But save a few for Lefty, too
Am                    F   C  G
He only did what he had to do
      F                Am
And now...he's growin' old


F                               C                              F
All the Federales say, they could have had him any day
Am                      F      C G//////   F           Am
They only let him go so long........Out of kindness, I suppose

F                                    C                         F
A few gray Federales say, they could have had him any day
Am                      F      C G//////    F           Am
They only let him go so long..........Out of kindness, I suppose


 Am//////// G C (sustain-out)
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