

# Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys

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Don't let 'em pick guitars and drive them old trucks  
Make 'em be doctors and lawyers and such

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They'll never stay home and they're always alone  
Even with someone they love

Cowboys ain't easy to love and they're harder to hold  
And they'd rather give you a song than diamonds or gold  
Lonestar belt buckles and old faded Levis

And each night begins a new day  
And if you don't understand him and he don't die young  
He'll probably just ride away

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Cowboys like smoky old pool rooms, clear mountain mornings  
Little warm puppies and children, girls of the night  
And them that don't know him won't like him and them that do

Sometimes won't know how to take him  
He ain't wrong, he's just different but his pride won't let him  
Do things to make you think he's right

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