

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

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Cowboys ain't easy to love and they're harder to hold  
They'd rather give you a song than diamonds or gold  
Lone star belt buckles and old faded Levis  
And each night begins a new day  
If you don't understand him, an' he don't die young  
He'll prob'ly just ride away  
Mamas, don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys  
Don't let 'em pick guitars or drive them old trucks  
Let 'em be doctors and lawyers and such  
Mamas don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys  
'Cause they'll never stay home and they're always alone  
Even with someone they love  
Cowboys like smoky old pool rooms and clear mountain mornings  
Little warm puppies and children and girls of the night  
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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