



# Mammas Dont Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys Official by **Waylon Jennings & Willie Nelson**

[Intro]

**D**

[Verse 1]

**D**

Cowboys ain't easy to love

**G**

And they're harder to hold

**A7**

They'd rather give you a song

**D**

Than diamonds or gold

Lonestar belt buckles and old faded Levis

**G**

And each night begins a new day

**A7**

If you don't understand him and he don't die  
young

**D**

He'll probably just ride away

[Chorus]

**D**

Mamas, don't let your babies grow up to be

**G**

cowboys

**A7**

Don't let 'em pick guitars or drive them old  
trucks

**D**

Let 'em be doctors and lawyers and such

**G**

Mamas don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys

**A7**

'Cause they'll never stay home and they're always  
alone

**D**

Even with someone they love

[Verse 2]

**E**

Cowboys like smoky old pool rooms

**A**

And clear mountain mornings

**B7**

Little warm puppies and children

**E**

And girls of the night

Them that don't know him

Won't like him and them that do

**A**

Sometimes won't know how to take him

**B7**

He ain't wrong, he's just different  
But his pride won't let him

**E**

Do things to make you think he's right

[Chorus]

**E**

Mamas, don't let your babies grow up to be

**A**

cowboys

**B7**

Don't let 'em pick guitars or drive them old  
trucks

**E**

Let 'em be doctors and lawyers and such

**A**

Mamas don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys

**B7**

'Cause they'll never stay home and they're always  
alone

**E**

Even with someone they love

[Outro (Fade Out)]

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