Cowboys ain't easy to love and they're harder to hold They'd rather give you a song than diamonds or gold Lonestar belt buckles and old faded Levi's and each night begins a new day If you don't understand him and he don't die young He'll probably just ride away D G Mamas don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys Don't let them pick guitars and drive them old trucks Make them be doctors and lawyers and such Mamas don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys They'll never stay home and they're always alone Even with someone they love Е Cowboys like smokey ol' 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 diff'rent but his pride won't let him Do the things to make you think he's right Ε Mamas don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys Don't let them pick guitars and drive them old trucks Make them be doctors and lawyers and such Mamas don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys They'll never stay home and they're always alone Even with someone they love