

# Mamas Dont Let Your Babies

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performed by Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson.

Verse 1:

**D** **G**  
Cowboys ain't easy to love and they're harder to hold  
**A** **D**  
They'd rather give you a song than diamonds or gold  
**G**  
Lonestar belt buckles and old faded Levi's and each night begins a new day  
**A**  
If you don't understand him and he don't die young  
**D**  
He'll probably just ride away

Chorus:

**D** **G**  
Mamas don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys  
**A**  
Don't let them pick guitars and drive them old trucks  
**D**  
Make them be doctors and lawyers and such  
**G**  
Mamas don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys  
**A**  
They'll never stay home and they're always alone  
**D**  
Even with someone they love

Verse 2:(A tone higher)

**E** **A**  
Cowboys like smokey ol' pool rooms and clear mountain mornings  
**B** **E**  
Little warm puppies and children and girls of the night  
  
Them that don't know him won't like him  
**A**  
And them that do sometimes won't know how to take him  
**B**  
He ain't wrong, he's just different but his pride won't let him  
**E**  
Do the things that make you think he's right

Chorus bis:

**E**

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

**A**

**B**

Don't let them pick guitars and drive them old trucks

**E**

Make them be doctors and lawyers and such

**A**

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

**B**

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

**E**

Even with someone they love