

# MAMA'S DON'T LET YOUR BABIES GROW UP TO BE COWBOYS

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Key: C

Start Note: C

Time: 3/4

Strum: D\_ du du

Intro: F // G7 // C // C //

- C F F F F  
1. Cowboys ain't easy to love and they're harder to hold.  
G7 C C C C  
They'd rather give you a song than diamonds or gold.  
C  
Lone Star belt buckles and old faded Levis and  
F F F  
each night begins a new day.  
G7  
If you don't understand him and he don't die young,  
G C C C C  
He'll probably just rides a-way.

## **CHORUS:**

- C F F F F  
**Mamas don't let your babies grow up to be Cowboys.**  
G7  
**Don't let' em pick guitars and drive' em old trucks.**  
C C  
**Let' em be doctors and lawyers and such.**  
C F F F F  
**Mammas don't let your Babies grow up to be Cowboys.**  
G7  
**They'll never stay home and they're always alone,**  
G7 C C D D  
**even with someone they love.**

Key Change:

- D G G G G  
2. Cowboys love smokey old pool rooms and clear mountain mornings  
A D D D D  
Little warm puppies and children and girls of the night.  
D  
Them that don't know him won't like him and them that do  
G G G  
sometimes won't know how to take him.  
A7  
He ain't wrong, he's just different but his pride won't let him  
D D D D  
Do things to make you think he's right.

**CHORUS:**

*D* *G G G G*  
*Mamas don't let your Babies grow up to be Cowboys.*

*A*  
*Don't let' em pick guitars and drive' em old trucks.*

*D D*  
*Let' em be doctors and lawyers and such.*

*D* *G G G G*  
*Mamas don't let your Babies grow up to be Cowboys.*

*A7*  
*They'll never stay home and they're always alone,*

*D D D D*  
*even with someone they love.*

**OUTRO: (Fading)**

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

*A7*  
*They'll never stay home and they're always alone*

*D D*  
*Even with someone they love.*