

Stagger Lee

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[Intro]

D **G** **D**
The night was clear, and the moon was yellow..
A7 **D**
And the leaves came tumblin down...

[Verse 1]

(fast, rock.)

D **D7**
I was standin on the corner,
G7
When I heard my bull dog bark.
D
He was barkin at the two men
A7 **D**
Who were gamblin in the dark.
D **D7**
It was Stagger Lee and Billy,
G7
Two men who gambled late.
D
Stagger lee threw a seven,
A7 **D**
Billy swore that he threw eight.

[Verse 2]

D **D7**
Stagger Lee, said Billy,
G7
I can t let you go with that.
D
You have won all my money,
A7 **D**
And my brand-new Stetson hat.
D
Stagger Lee went home,
G7
And he got his forty-four.
D
He said, I m goin to the barroom
A7 **D**
Just to pay that debt I owe.
A7
(Go, Stagger Lee.)

[Verse 3]

D **D7**

Stagger Lee went to the barroom,

G7

And he stood across the barroom door.

D

A7

D

He said, Nobody move, and he pulled his .44.

D

D7

Stagger Lee, cried Billy,

G7

Oh, please don't take my life!

D

I've got three little children,

A7

D

And a very sickly wife.

[Verse 4]

D

D7

Stagger Lee shot Billy.

G7

Oh, he shot that poor boy so bad..

D

That the bullet went through Billy

A7

D

And broke the bartender's glass.

A7

(Look out now.)

[Outro]

D

D7

G7

Go, Stagger Lee..go, Stagger Lee..go, Stagger Lee..

D

A7 D

Go, Stagger Lee..go, go...Fade.