

Stagger Lee

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[Intro]

C **F** **C**
The night was clear, and the moon was yellow..
G7 **C**
And the leaves came tumblin down...

[Verse 1]

(fast, rock.)

C **C7**
I was standin on the corner,
F7
When I heard my bull dog bark.
C
He was barkin at the two men
G7 **C**
Who were gamblin in the dark.
C **C7**
It was Stagger Lee and Billy,
F7
Two men who gambled late.
C
Stagger lee threw a seven,
G7 **C**
Billy swore that he threw eight.

[Verse 2]

C **C7**
Stagger Lee, said Billy,
F7
I can t let you go with that.
C
You have won all my money,
G7 **C**
And my brand-new Stetson hat.
C
Stagger Lee went home,
F7
And he got his forty-four.
C
He said, I m goin to the barroom
G7 **C**
Just to pay that debt I owe.
G7
(Go, Stagger Lee.)

[Verse 3]

C **C7**

Stagger Lee went to the barroom,

F7

And he stood across the barroom door.

C

G7

C

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

C

C7

Stagger Lee, cried Billy,

F7

Oh, please don't take my life!

C

I've got three little children,

G7

C

And a very sickly wife.

[Verse 4]

C

C7

Stagger Lee shot Billy.

F7

Oh, he shot that poor boy so bad..

C

That the bullet went through Billy

G7

C

And broke the bartender's glass.

G7

(Look out now.)

[Outro]

C

C7

F7

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

C

G7 C

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