

Stagger Lee
Lloyd Price

[Intro]

C# **F#** **C#**
The night was clear, and the moon was yellow..
G#7 **C#**
And the leaves came tumblin down...

[Verse 1]

(fast, rock.)

C# **C#7**
I was standin on the corner,
F#7
When I heard my bull dog bark.
C#
He was barkin at the two men
G#7 **C#**
Who were gamblin in the dark.
C# **C#7**
It was Stagger Lee and Billy,
F#7
Two men who gambled late.
C#
Stagger lee threw a seven,
G#7 **C#**
Billy swore that he threw eight.

[Verse 2]

C# **C#7**
Stagger Lee, said Billy,
F#7
I can t let you go with that.
C#
You have won all my money,
G#7 **C#**
And my brand-new Stetson hat.
C#
Stagger Lee went home,
F#7
And he got his forty-four.
C#
He said, I m goin to the barroom
G#7 **C#**
Just to pay that debt I owe.
G#7
(Go, Stagger Lee.)

[Verse 3]

C# **C#7**

Stagger Lee went to the barroom,

F#7

And he stood across the barroom door.

C#

G#7

C#

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

C# **C#7**

Stagger Lee, cried Billy,

F#7

Oh, please don't take my life!

C#

I've got three little children,

G#7

C#

And a very sickly wife.

[Verse 4]

C# **C#7**

Stagger Lee shot Billy.

F#7

Oh, he shot that poor boy so bad..

C#

That the bullet went through Billy

G#7

C#

And broke the bartender's glass.

G#7

(Look out now.)

[Outro]

C# **C#7** **F#7**

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

C# G#7 C#

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