

**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.