

Stagger Lee
Lloyd Price

[Intro]

E **A** **E**
The night was clear, and the moon was yellow..
B7 **E**
And the leaves came tumblin down...

[Verse 1]

(fast, rock.)

E **E7**
I was standin on the corner,
A7
When I heard my bull dog bark.
E
He was barkin at the two men
B7 **E**
Who were gamblin in the dark.
E **E7**
It was Stagger Lee and Billy,
A7
Two men who gambled late.
E
Stagger lee threw a seven,
B7 **E**
Billy swore that he threw eight.

[Verse 2]

E **E7**
Stagger Lee, said Billy,
A7
I can t let you go with that.
E
You have won all my money,
B7 **E**
And my brand-new Stetson hat.
E
Stagger Lee went home,
A7
And he got his forty-four.
E
He said, I m goin to the barroom
B7 **E**
Just to pay that debt I owe.
B7
(Go, Stagger Lee.)

[Verse 3]

E **E7**

Stagger Lee went to the barroom,

A7

And he stood across the barroom door.

E

B7

E

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

E

E7

Stagger Lee, cried Billy,

A7

Oh, please don't take my life!

E

I've got three little children,

B7

E

And a very sickly wife.

[Verse 4]

E

E7

Stagger Lee shot Billy.

A7

Oh, he shot that poor boy so bad..

E

That the bullet went through Billy

B7

E

And broke the bartender's glass.

B7

(Look out now.)

[Outro]

E

E7

A7

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

E

B7 E

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