

# Stagger Lee

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The night was clear  
And the moon was yellow  
And the leaves came tumbling down  
I was standing on the corner  
When I heard my bulldog bark  
He was barking at the two men  
Who were gambling in the dark  
It was Stagger Lee and Billy  
Two men who gambled late  
Stagger Lee threw seven  
Billy swore that he threw eight  
Stagger Lee told Billy,  
"I can't let you go with that.  
You have won all my money  
And my brand new Stetson hat."  
Stagger Lee started off  
Goin down that railroad track  
He said, I cant get you Billy  
But don't be here when I come back  
Go on, Stagger Lee  
Stagger Lee went home  
And he got his .44  
Said, "I'm going to the bar room  
Just to pay that debt I owe."  
Stagger Lee went to the bar room  
And he stood across the bar room door  
Said, "Now nobody move."  
And he pulled his .44  
"Stagger Lee," cried Billy  
"Oh, please don't take my life.  
I got three little children  
And a very sickly wife."  
Stagger Lee shot Billy  
Oh he shot that poor boy so bad  
Till the bullet came through Billy  
And it broke the bartender's glass  
Now look out, Stagg, come on

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