

Stagger Lee

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The night was clear
And the moon was yellow
And the leaves came tumbling downI was standing on the corner
When I heard my bulldog bark
He was barking at the two men
Who were gambling in the darkIt was Stagger Lee and Billy
Two men who gambled late
Stagger Lee threw seven
Billy swore that he threw eightStagger 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 backGo on, Stagger LeeStagger 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 glassNow look out, Stagg, come on

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