

Stagger Lee

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The night was clear, and the moon was yellow
And the leaves came tumblin' down. .
I was standin' on the corner
When I heard my bull dog bark
He was barkin' at the two men
Who were gamblin' in the dark
It was Stagger Lee and Billy
Two men who gambled late
Stagger lee threw a seven
Billy swore that he threw eight
"Stagger Lee," said Billy
"I can't let you go with that
"You have won all my money
"And my brand-new Stetson hat."
Stagger Lee went home
And he got his .44
He said, "I'm goin' to the ballroom
"Just to pay that debt I owe."
Go, Stagger Lee
Stagger Lee went to the ballroom
And he strolled across the ballroom floor
He said "You did me wrong, Billy."
And he pulled his .44
"Stagger Lee," said Billy
"Oh, please don't take my life!
"I've got three hungry children
"And a very sickly wife."
Stagger Lee shot Billy
Oh, he shot that poor boy so hard
That a bullet went through Billy
And broke the bartender's bar
Go, Stagger Lee, go, Stagger Lee!
Go, Stagger Lee, go, Stagger Lee!