

# Stagger Lee

Neil Diamond

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  
And he was barkin' up at two men  
Who were gamblin' 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 get away with that",  
"Well you have won all my money  
And my brand new Stetson hat"  
Stagger Lee he ran home  
Went and he got his forty-four  
Said "I'm goin' to the barroom  
Just to pay that debt I owe"

Go Stagger Lee  
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Go Stagger Lee  
Said "I'm goin' to the barroom  
Just to pay that debt I owe"

Stagger Lee went to the barroom  
He stood across the barroom door  
He said "Now nobody move"  
And he pulled his forty-four  
"Stagger Lee" cried Billy,  
"Oh please don't you take my life."  
"I got me three little children  
And a very sickly wife."

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Go Stagger Lee  
"I got me 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 went right through  
The bartender's glass  
While I was standing on the corner  
When I heard my bulldog bark  
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Go Baby

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