

# 131. Stagger Lee

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*Slow, single strums*

[G] The night was clear, and the [C] moon was [G]yellow  
And the [D7] leaves came [G] tumblin' down... [D7]

*Faster*

I was [G] standin' on the [G7] corner,  
When I [C7] heard my bull dog bark.  
He was [G] barkin' at the two men  
Who were [D7] gamblin' in the [G] dark. [D7]

It was [G] Stagger Lee and [G7] Billy,  
Two [C7] men who gambled late.  
[G] Stagger Lee threw a seven,  
Billy [D7] swore that he threw [G] eight. [D7]

Stagger [G] Lee, said [G7] Billy,  
I can't [C7] let you go with that.  
You have [G] won all my money,  
And my [D7] brand-new Stetson [G] hat. [D7]

Stagger [G] Lee went [G7] home,  
And he [C7] got his forty-four.  
He said, I'm [G] goin' to the barroom  
Just to [D7] pay that debt I [G] owe. [D7] *Go Stagger Lee!*

[G] [G7] [C7] [G] [D7] [G] [D7]

Stagger [G] Lee went to the [G7] barroom,  
And he [C7] stood across the barroom door.  
He said, [G] Nobody move,  
And he [D7] pulled his forty-[G]four. [D7]

"Stagger [G]Lee", cried [G7] Billy,  
"Oh, [C7] please don't take my life!  
I've got [G] three little children,  
And a [D7] very sickly [G]wife." [D7]

Stagger [G] Lee shot [G7] Billy.  
Oh, he [C7] shot that poor boy so bad..  
That the [G] bullet went through Billy  
And [D7] broke the bartender's [G]glass. [D7] *Look out now!*

[G] Go, Stagger [G7] Lee  
[C7] Go, Stagger Lee  
[G] Go, Stagger Lee  
[D7] Go, Stagger Lee, [G] Go.

