

## Eric Clapton

### "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 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 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 went home  
And he got his forty-four  
Said, I'm goin' to the barroom  
Just to pay that debt I owe  
Go Stagger Lee

[Instrumental Interlude]

Stagger Lee went to the barroom  
And he stood across the barroom door  
He said, nobody move  
And he pulled his forty-four

Stagger Lee, cried Billy  
Oh, please don't take my life  
I've 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

