

Mississippi John Hurt

"Stack O' Lee"

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Police officer, how can it be?
You can 'rest everybody but cruel Stack O' Lee
That bad man, oh, cruel Stack O' Lee
Billy de Lyon told Stack O' Lee, "Please don't take my
life,
I got two little babies, and a darlin' lovin' wife"
That bad man, oh, cruel Stack O' Lee
"What I care about you little babies, your darlin' lovin'
wife?
You done stole my Stetson1 hat, I'm bound to take your
life"
That bad man, cruel Stack O' Lee
...with the forty-four
When I spied Billy de Lyon, he was lyin' down on the
floor
That bad man, oh cruel Stack O' Lee
"Gentleman's of the jury, what do you think of that?
Stack O' Lee killed Billy de Lyon about a five-dollar
Stetson hat"
That bad man, oh, cruel Stack O' Lee
And all they gathered, hands way up high,
at twelve o'clock they killed him, they's all glad to see
him die
That bad man, oh, cruel Stack O' Lee

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