

## Kristofferson Kris

### "Stagger Mountain Tragedy"

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I was born on Stagger Mountain in the sunshine and the  
snow  
And leavin' was the first mistake I made;  
But I hungered for the shadows in the valley down  
below  
And the girl that danced the tune the devil played.  
Her smile was like the blindin' light of sunshine on the  
snow  
And the flashin' of her hair was black as sin.  
And her body set the smokes of hell a-boilin' in my skull  
When the fiddle of the devil made her spin.

Morning sunshine [sunshine] high on the mountain,  
Where the air is pure and cold;  
But there's darkness in the shadows  
In the canyons of my soul.

The lantern cast a shadow like a demon on the wall  
And the naked sweat was breathin' on her skin;  
Then the room was spinning closer as her clothes  
began to fall  
And the eagle started screamin' in my brain;  
Then I saw the laughin' dagger and I heard the devil  
scream  
And her bleeding heart was beating in my hand.  
Then the darkness blew away and I was standin' by a  
tree  
With a hanging rope a-danglin' from a limb.

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