

Lloyd Price, Stagger Lee (The Bandstand Version)

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 barking at the two men
Who were gambling 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 going to the bar room
Just to pay that debt I owe

Go Stagger Lee

Stagger Lee went to the bar room
And he stood across the bar room door
Said, now nobody move
And he pulled his forty four

Stagger Lee, cried Billy
Oh, please don't take my life
I've got three little children
And a very sickly wife

Stagger Lee shot Billy
Oh he shot that poor boy so bad
til the bullet came through Billy
and it broke the bartender's glass

Look out Stagg