

## Stagger Lee

Johnny Rivers

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!

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 got three little children and a very sickly wife'  
(Go Stagger Lee)

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  
Look out Stagger Lee!