



## Stagger Lee

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full moon over town  
Stagger Lee met Billy De Lyon  
And he blew that poor boy down.  
Do you know what he shot him for?  
What do you make of that?  
Cause Billy De Lyon threw lucky dice, won  
Stagger Lee's Stetson hat.

Bay-o, Bay-o,  
tell me how can this be?  
You arrest the girls for turning tricks, but you're  
scared of Stagger Lee.  
Stagger Lee is a bad man and he shot my Billy D.  
Bayo go get him or give the job to me.

Delia De Lyon, dear sweet Delia-D  
How the hell can I arrest him? He's  
twice as big as me.  
Don't ask me to go downtown, I  
won't come back alive  
Not only is that mother big - he packs a .45.

"Bayo," Delia said, "Just give me your gun,  
He shot my Billy dead and I'm gonna see him hung,"  
She went down to DeLion's club through  
Billy DeLion's blood  
Stepped up to Stagger Lee at the bar, said,  
"Buy me a gin fizz, love."

As Stagger Lee lit a cigarette she  
shot him in the balls  
Blew the smoke off her revolver, had him dragged to  
City Hall  
Bayo, Bayo, see you hang him high  
He shot my Billy D and now he's got to die.

As Delia went a walking  
down on Sycamore Street,  
a three-piece band on the corner played  
"Near My God to Thee" [*Hit on C*]  
But Delia whistled a different tune, what tune could  
that be?  
The song that woman sung was "Look Out Stagger  
Lee"  
The song that Delia sung was "Look Out Stagger Lee"



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<p>G  Cause Billy De Lyon threw lucky dice, won  A7  Stagger Lee's Stetson hat.</p> <pre>  -hat----- -----  ----- -----2p0---2- -----2-----0-----  -----2--- 1h2---1p0---0-1h2-----  ----- -----3-0-----3b4-0-   -A7----- -----  </pre>		<p><b>Verse 2 - B Section</b></p> <p>C D C D  Bay-o, Bay-o,  G C G  tell me how can this be?  G C G  You arrest the girls for turning tricks, but you're  G C D C  scared of Stagger Lee.  G C G G C D  Stagger Lee is a bad man and he shot my Billy D.  C G C D  Bayo go get him or give the job to me.  C G C D</p>		
<p><b>Verse 3 - B Section</b></p> <p>Delia De Lyon, dear sweet Delia-D  How the hell can I arrest him? He's  twice as big as me.  Don't ask me to go downtown, I  won't come back alive  Not only is that mother big - he packs a .45.  C G C D</p>		<pre> ----- -1-  ----- -1-  ----- -2-  -----0-2- -3-  -3----- ---  ----- -F-  </pre>	<p><b>Verse 4 - A Section</b></p> <p>"Bayo," Delia said, "Just give me your gun,  He shot my Billy dead and I'm gonna see him hung,"  She went down to DeLion's club through  Billy DeLion's blood  Stepped up to Stagger Lee at the bar, said,  "Buy me a gin fizz, love."    [A7 lick from above]</p>	



**Solo over Verse B Section x2**

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**Verse 5 - B**

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 shot him in the balls  
 Blew the smoke off her revolver, had him dragged to City Hall  
 Bayo, Bayo, see you hang him high  
 He shot my Billy D and now he's got to die.

**Verse 6 - B**

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 a three-piece band on the corner played  
 "Near My God to Thee" [*Hit on C*]  
 But Delia whistled a different tune, what tune could that be?

C G C D  
 The song that woman sung was "Look Out Stagger Lee"  
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**Jam over C-G-C-D**

C G C D  
 The song that Delia sung was "Look Out Stagger Lee"  
 C G C D

**\* B to F licks**

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The tune was played "slow" through 1979. In 1982 it was recreated "fast."

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