

Stagger Lee

Modern Life Is War

My name is Stagger Lee
And I'm walking through the ice and snow
And my girl threw me out last week and I'm fucking broke

Only got a starter in my pocket and my colt.45
Don't look at me the wrong cause I got nothing to lose tonight
Walk into JD's and put a dollar down
Turn the dollar into a few
I start drinkin' and I turn around
'cause I feel a pair of eyes burning into the back of my neck
And he's whisperin' to the barkeep
The God-damned fool won't stop staring at me
So I shoot up from my seat and press the cold steel to his head
And said "don't you know who the fuck I am?"

He said "Stagger Lee, please don't take my life,
I've got a kid back home, and I've got a wife."
He said "Please Stagger please, I'm a friend not a foe,
And your girl's with Billy at the Flamingo,
I just thought you should know.

I pistol-whip him in the teeth and walk outside
Steal the first fast car I see
And as my blood starts to boil I start to take a little ride
I leave the car running
Pull down the brim of my black Stetson hat
I look around and I see no witness
One last drink from my silver flask

I kick open the door
See the bodies inter-twined
See the fear in their eyes
I pull my Colt .45
And I feel divine
Whoa!

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