

STAG-O-LEE

Arranged by Henry Roeland Byrd

Rock Rhumba

$\text{♩} = 175$

F

B♭

mf

F

C7

F

It was ear - ly, ear - ly one mor -

B♭

ning, boys, I heard my bull - dog bark. — He was bar -

F

C7

F

kin' at the two men who was gam - bl - in' in the dark. —

C

F

It was Stag - ger Lee and Bil - ly Ly - on. — Oh, they

B♭

F

gam - bled hon - ey, ver - y late. — Ev - 'ry time — Stag threw sev - en, Bil - ly

C7

F

C

Ly - on told him that he threw eight. —

Stag - ger

Lee lost all of his mon - ey, boy, then he lost his brand new Cad - il - lac.

He said, "I ³be - lieve you been cheat-in', Bil - ly. Don't be here when I come

F

C

F

back."

Stag - ger

Lee

went home, —

B♭

and he knocked — up - on his — wom - an's door. —

He said, "Wake —

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C7

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— up lil' Ber - tha ba - by and hand me my — for - ty - four." —

C

F

You know Ber - tha jumped out of bed scream - in', and she was

B♭

F

look - in' dead in Stag - ger Lee's eyes. —

She said, "Come — on in - side — hon - ey, I can —

C7 F C

- see some poor man's gon' die."

Then Stag -

F B♭

ger Lee told Ber - tha that he had _____ lost his _____ Cad - il - lac.

F C7

But he be - lieved Bil - ly was cheat-in', and she knew that he did - n't go for that...

F C F

Stag - ger Lee went _____ back on the

B♭

cor - ner, and he stood up in the bar - room door. — He said, "Don't —

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C7

F

C

F

Stag - ger Lee cried, — "Bil - ly Ly - on!" and he shot —

B♭

F

the poor boy — so fast. — The bul - let went through Bil - ly but it

C7

F

C

broke the bar - ten - der's glass. —

Then Bil -

F

B♭

ly Ly - on start - ed to scream - in'.

I heard him say, "Stag - ger Lee, don't take my

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C7

life.

You know I got two lit - tle chil - dren and a poor lit - tle sick - ly wife." —

F

C

F

Stag - ger Lee told

B♭

Bil - ly, "Yes, I _____ know you got a cute boy and girl. But if you

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wan - na see your fam - 'ly, Bil - ly, meet 'em in an - oth - er world."

C **F**

B♭

C7

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