

Harper Valley P.T.A.

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G
I wanna tell you all a story 'bout a
Harper Valley widowed wife
C
Who had a teenage daughter who
attended Harper Valley Junior High
G
Well her daughter came home one
afternoon and didn't even stop to play
C
She said mom I got a note here from the
G7 G
Harper Valley P.T.A.

The note said Misses Johnson you're
wearing your dresses way too high
C

It's reported you've been drinking
And a running round with men and
going wild
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And we don't believe you ought to be
a-bringing up your little girl this way
C D7

It was signed by the secretary Harper
G
Valley P.T.A.

Well it happened that the P.T.A. was
gonna meet that very afternoon
C

They were sure surprised when Misses
Johnson wore her miniskirt into the
room
G

And as she walked up to the blackboard
I can still recall the words she had to say
C

She said I'd like to address this meeting
D7 G
of the Harper Valley P.T.A.

Well there's Bobby Taylor sitting there
And seven times he's asked me for a
date

C
Misses Taylor sure seems to use a lot of
ice whenever he's away
G

And Mister Baker can you tell us why
your secretary had to leave this town
C

And shouldn't widow Jones be told to
D7
keep her window shades all pulled

G
completely down

Well Mister Harper couldn't be here
Cause he stayed to long at Kelly's Bar
again

C
And if you smell Shirley Thompson's
breath
You'll find she's had a little nip of gin
G

Then you have the nerve to tell me you
think that as a mother I'm not fit
C

Well this is just a little Peyton Place
D7 G
And you're all Harper Valley hypocrites

No I wouldn't put you on because
It really did it happened just this way
C

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