

Harper Valley P.T.A.

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F
I wanna tell you all a story 'bout a
Harper Valley widowed wife
Bb
Who had a teenage daughter who
attended Harper Valley Junior High
F
Well her daughter came home one
afternoon and didn't even stop to play
Bb
She said mom I got a note here from the
C7 F
Harper Valley P.T.A.

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

It's reported you've been drinking
And a running round with men and
going wild
F

And we don't believe you ought to be
a-bringing up your little girl this way
Bb C7

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

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

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

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

She said I'd like to address this meeting
C7 F
of the Harper Valley P.T.A.

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

Bb
Misses Taylor sure seems to use a lot of
ice whenever he's away
F

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

And shouldn't widow Jones be told to
C7

keep her window shades all pulled
F
completely down

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

Bb
And if you smell Shirley Thompson's
breath

You'll find she's had a little nip of gin
F

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

Well this is just a little Peyton Place
C7 F
And you're all Harper Valley hypocrites

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

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