

Harper Valley PTA - Jeannie C. Riley

Intro:

(start on pick-up to beat 4, guitar lead-in)

A7

4 measures

Verse 1:

A7

I want to tell you all a story 'bout a Harper Valley widowed wife

D7

Who had a teenage daughter who attended Harper Valley Junior High

A7

Well her daughter came home one afternoon and didn't even stop to play

D7

E7

A7

She said Mom I got a note here from the Harper Valley P.T.A.

Verse 2:

A7

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

D7

It's reported you've been drinking and a runnin' round with men and  
going wild

A7

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

D7

E7

A7 A7 F7

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

Verse 3:

Bb7

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

Eb7

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

Bb7

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

Eb7

F7

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

Verse 4:

Bb7

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

Eb7

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

Bb7

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

Eb7

F7

And shouldn't Widow Jones be told to keep her window shades all pulled  
completely down?

Bb7 Bb7 F#7

Verse 5:

B7

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

E7

And if you smell Shirley Tompson's breath you'll find she's had a  
little nip of gin

B7

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

E7

F#7

Well this is just a little Peyton Place and you're all Harper Valley  
hypocrites.

B7

Outro:

B7

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

E7

F#7

B7

The day my Mama socked it to the Harper Valley P.T.A.

E7

F#7

B7

B7

The day my Mama socked it to the Harper Valley P.T.A. (end)