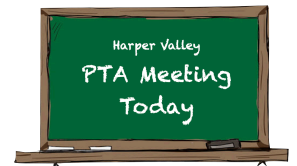


# Harper Valley P.T.A.

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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  
D7 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  
G

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

The day my Mama socked it to the  
D7 G  
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