

# Harper Valley PTA by Tom T. Hall (1968)

*D7* *D7* *D7* *D7*  
I want to tell you all a story 'bout a Harper Valley widowed wife  
*G7* *G7* *G7* *G7*  
Who had a teenage daughter who attended Harper Valley Junior High  
*D7* *D7* *D7* *D7*  
Well her daughter came home one afternoon and didn't even stop to play  
*G7* *A7* *D7* *D7*  
She said Mom I got a note here from the Harper Valley P.T.A.

The note said Misses Johnson, you're wearing your dresses way too high  
It's reported you've been drinking and a runnin' round with men and going wild  
And we don't believe you ought to be a bringing up your little girl this way  
It was signed by the secretary, Harper Valley P.T.A.

Well, it happened that the P.T.A. was gonna meet that very afternoon  
They were sure surprised when Misses Johnson wore her miniskirt into the room  
And as she walked up to the blackboard I still recall the words she had to say  
She said, I'd like to address this meeting of the Harper Valley P.T.A.

*Eb7* *Eb7* *Eb7* *Eb7*  
Well there's Bobby Taylor, sitting there and seven times he's asked me for a date  
*Ab7* *Ab7* *Ab7* *Ab7*  
Misses Taylor sure seems to use a lot of ice whenever he's away  
*Eb7* *Eb7* *Eb7* *Eb7*  
And Mister Baker can you tell us why your secretary had to leave this town  
*Ab7* *Bb7* *Eb7* *Eb7*  
And shouldn't Widow Jones be told to keep her window shades all pulled completely down?

Well Mister Harper couldn't be here 'cause he stayed to long at Kelly's Bar again  
And if you smell Shirley Tompson's breath you'll find she's had a little nip of gin  
Then you have the nerve to tell me you think that as a mother I'm not fit  
Well this is just a little Peyton Place and you're all Harper Valley hypocrites.

*Eb7* *Eb7* *Eb7* *Eb7*  
No, I wouldn't put you on because it really did , it happend just this way  
*Ab7* *Bb7* *Eb7* *Eb7*  
The day my Mama socked it to the Harper Valley P.T.A.  
*Ab7* *Bb7* *Eb7* *Eb7*  
The day my Mama socked it to the Harper Valley P.T.A.