

HARPER VALLEY P.T.A

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Key: G **Start note:** D **Time:** 4/4 **Strum:** D _ du du du or Island Strum

Intro: G7 / / / D7 / / / G7 / / / G7 / /

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

C7

Who had a teenage daughter who attended Harper Valley Junior High.

G7

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

C7

D7

G7

And she said, "Mama, got a note here from the Harper Valley PTA."

G7

Well, the note said, "Mrs. Johnson, you're wearin' your dresses way too high.

C7

It's reported you've been drinkin' and a-runnin' round with men and goin' wild

G7

And we don't believe you oughta be a-bringin' up your little girl this way."

C7

D7

G7

And it was signed by, "The Secretary, Harper Valley PTA."

G7

Well, it happened that the PTA was gonna meet that very afternoon,

C7

And they were sure surprised when Mrs. Johnson wore her miniskirt into the room.

G7

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

C7

D7

G7

A7

She said, "I'd like to address the meeting of the Harper Valley PTA."

A7

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

D7

And Mrs. Taylor sure seems to use a lot of ice whenever he’s away.

A7

And Mr. Baker, can you tell us why your secretary had to leave this town?

D7

E7

A7

And shouldn’t widow Jones be told to keep her window shades all pulled completely down.”

A7

“Well Mr. Harper couldn’t be here ‘cause he stayed too long at Kelly’s bar again.

D7

And if you smell Shirley Thompson’s breath, you’ll find she’s had a little nip of gin.

A7

And then you have the nerve to tell me, you think that as a mother I’m not fit.

D7

E7

A7

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

A7

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

D7

E7

A7

The day my mama socked it to the Harper Valley PTA;

D7

E7

A7↓

The day my mama socked it to the Harper Valley PTA!