

## Dottie West

### "Harper Valley P.T.A."

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(Tom T. Hall)

I wanna tell you all the story 'bout the Harper Valley  
widow wife  
Who had a teenage daughter who attended Harper  
Valley Junior High  
Well, her daughter came home one afternoon and  
didn't even stop to play  
And she said, "Mom, I got a note here from the Harper  
Valley P.T.A.

Well, the note said Mrs Johnson you're wearing your  
dresses much too high  
It's reported you've been drinkin' and a runnin' round  
with men and goin' wild  
And we don't believe you oughta be a bringin' up your  
little girl this way  
And it was signed by the secretary of the Harper Valley  
P.T.A.

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

"Now there's Bobby Taylor sittin' there and seven times  
he asked me for a date  
And Mrs. Taylor sure seems to use a lotta ice whenever  
he's away  
And Mr. Baker can you tell us why your secretary had to  
leave this town  
And shouldn't wodow Jones be told to keep  
Her window shades all pulled completely down."

"Well, Mr. Harper couldn't be here 'cause he stayed too  
long at Kelly's Bar again  
And if you'll smell Shirley Thompson's breath you'll find

she's had a little nip of gin  
And when you have the nerve to tell me you think that  
as a mother I'm not fit  
Well, this is just a little Payton Place and you're all  
Harper Valley hypocrites."

No, I wouldn't put you on because it really did it  
happened just this way  
The day my mama socked it to the Harper Valley P.T.A.

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P.T.A...

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