

## **Bobbie Gentry** **"Harper Valley"**

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I want to 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  
She said, "Mama I got a note here from the Harper  
Valley PTA"

Well, the note said  
"Mrs. Johnson, you're a wearing your dresses way too  
high"  
It's reported you've been  
Drinking and a running round with men and goin' wild

We don't believe you ought to be a  
Bringing up your little girl this way  
It was signed by the secretary  
Harper Valley PTA

Well, it happened that the PTA  
Was gonna meet that very afternoon  
They were sure surprised when  
Mrs. Johnson wore her miniskirt into the room

And then 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 PTA"

Well, there's Bobby Taylor sittin' there  
And seven times he's 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 widow 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 smell Shirley Thompson's breath  
You'll find she's had a little nip of gin

And then 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 PTA  
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