

## **Jeannie C. Riley** **"Harper Valley P.t.a."**

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I want to tell you all the story  
'Bout a Harper Valley widowed 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 PTA"

Well, the note says, "Mrs. Johnson  
You're wearing your dresses way too high  
It's reported you've been drinkin'  
And a runnin' 'round with men and goin' wild"

"And we don't believe you ought to be  
A bringin' up your little girl this way"  
And it was signed by the secretary  
Harper Valley PTA

Well, it happened that the PTA  
Was gonna meet that very afternoon  
And boy 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 PTA"

"Well, 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 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'll 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 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  
That day my mama socked it to the Harper Valley PTA  
That day my mama socked it to the Harper Valley PTA

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