

## **Tom T. Hall**

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

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I want to tell you all a 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  
She said, "Mom, I got a note here from the Harper  
Valley P.T.A."

The note said, "Mrs. 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 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 Mrs. Johnson wore her  
mini-skirt 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."

Well, there's Bobby Taylor sittin' there and seven times  
he's asked me for a date  
Mrs. Taylor sure seems to use a lot of 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  
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

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.  
The day my Mama socked it to the Harper Valley P.T.A.

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