

Harper Valley PTA

Dolly Parton

I want to tell you all a story 'bout a Harper Valley widow wife
Who had a teenage daughter that attended Harper Valley Junior High

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

And she said, "Mama, I've 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 been reported you've been drinkin' and a runnin' round with
men and goin' wild

Now 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 they surprised as Mrs. Johnson wore her miniskirt
into the room

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

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

Now there's Bobby Taylor sittin' there and seven times he's asked
me for a date

And 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
his town

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

Now Mr. Harper couldn't be here 'cause he's stayed too long in
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 as a mother you think
that I ain't fit

Well this is just a little Payton place and you're all Harper
Valley hypocrits

Now 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 'em at the Harper Valley PTA