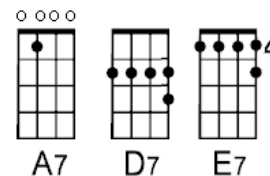


# Harper Valley PTA

Tom T. Hall

(sung by Jeannie C. Riley)



A7 A7 A7 A7 A7 D7 E7  
 I want to tell you all a story 'bout a Harper Valley widowed wife  
 D7 D7 D7 D7  
 Who had a teenage daughter who attended Harper Valley Junior High  
 A7 A7 A7 A7  
 Well her daughter came home one afternoon and didn't even stop to play  
 D7 E7 A7 A7  
 She said, "Mom, I got a note here from the Harper Valley P.T.A."

Each key change  
slides up one fret

Well 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"  
 D7 E7 A7 A7  
 It was signed by the secretary, Harper Valley P.T.A.

Bb7 Bb7 Bb7 Bb7  
 Well, it happened that the P.T.A. was gonna meet that very afternoon  
 Eb7 Eb7 Eb7 Eb7  
 They were sure surprised when Mrs. Johnson wore her mini-skirt into the room  
 Bb7 Bb7 Bb7 Bb7  
 And as she walked up to the blackboard, I can still recall the words she had to say  
 Eb7 F7 Bb7 Bb7  
 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  
 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 this town?  
 Eb7 F7 Bb7 Bb7  
 And shouldn't widow Jones be told to keep her window shades all pulled completely down?

B7 B7 B7 B7  
 Well, Mr. Harper couldn't be here 'cause he stayed too long at Kelly's Bar again  
 E7 E7 E7 E7  
 And if you smell Shirley Thompson's breath, you'll find she's had a little nip of gin  
 B7 B7 B7 B7  
 Then you have the nerve to tell me you think that as a mother I'm not fit  
 E7 F#7 B7 B7  
 Well, this is just a little Peyton Place and you're all Harper Valley hypocrites

B7 B7 B7 B7  
 No I wouldn't put you on because it really did, it happened just this way  
 E7 F#7 B7 B7  
 The day my Mama socked it to the Harper Valley P.T.A. <Tag it>