

It Don't Mean a Thing...

SATTB

Duke Ellington

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The musical score consists of three staves of music for SATTB voices. The first two staves begin with a treble clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics for these staves are:

Po dey dn dee dap po do dn det dn dee do pa do wa pa
pa dn dee do— do be dee bap bap ba dat dat da do be dee bap ba ba

The third staff begins with a treble clef, common time, and a key signature of two sharps. The lyrics for this staff are:

dap pa— ya pa pa pa pa pa pa da pa pa ba da pa dn do dn

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dey dn dee dap do be dee bap "th" do be dee bap "th" do ba do ba o ba do dn

13

8

17

doey doey dap ba dap dap dap do dai— dap do de lee da— do a do a

17

8

21

do a do a ba dap dap dap do dai— dap do be lee da— do a do a

21

8

25

dap ba do bap bap ba dap .bap

25

po do dn de do de dee dap do dap do dap

29

po dey dap bo ap do a do a do a do a o dn doi a o pa o dn

29

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33

dap It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that

33

doo wa do ba bao wap bap ain't got

33

9, 10, 11

33

Doon doon doon doon (simile)

12, 13

37

swing do a do a do a do a do a do a do

37

swing wao wap wap wao— wap wao wap do

37

37

41

a It don't mean a thing all you gotta do is—

41

a doo wa do ba bao wap bap got to—

41

41

16 - 13

45

45 sing do a lt

45 sing wao wap wao wap wa o wap wa o ao

45

45

doof o tsoon doon tsoon

50

50 does - n't mat - ter if it's sweet or hot oh Just give that rhy - thm c-

Legato

50 doof doof doof doof doof doof does - n't real - ly mat - ter if it's doof doof doof doof

Legato

50

50 doof doof doof doof doof doof does - n't real - ly mat - ter if it's doof doof doof doof

55

ver-y thing you got It don't mean a thing if it ain't

55

doof doof doof doof give it all you don't mean a doo wa do ba bao wap ain't

55

doof doof doof doof give it all you don't mean a tsoon doon doon doon doon doon doon doon doon doon

60

got that swing do a do a do a do a do a

60

got that swing do do do

60

doon doon doon tso koon boon doon tsoon swing swing swing swing

64

o dn do a o pa do dn dap bap ba dap bao
 do dap bap ba dap bao
 8
 swing swing dap bap ba dap bao doon doon doon (simile)

68

bap bap bai dap do pel i bap bap sho bap do de li bap bap bo
 bap bap bai dap do pel i bap bap sho bap do de li bap bap bo
 8
 tso doon

72

ai dap bap bap do be dee bao do a do a do a do a do a do dn dap ba

72

ai dap bap bap do be dee bao do a do a do a do a do a do dn dap ba

72

72

tsdoondoondoon (simile)

77

ba do ba bap bai dap a oom do ba do ba ba

77

ba do ba bap bai dap a oom do ba do ba ba

77

77

81

ba ba da ba da ba do ba da dn
da dn do dap bap ba ba

81

ba ba da ba da ba do ba da dn
da dn do dap bap ba ba

81

ba ba da ba da ba do ba da dn
da dn do dap bap ba ba

81

ba— ba— do dn dap pa o dn dee dap do wow wap wap wow wap

85

ba— ba— do dn dap pa o dn dee dap do wow wap wap wow wop

85

ba— ba— do dn dap pa o dn dee dap do wow wap wap wow wop

85

ba— ba— do dn dap pa o dn dee dap do wow wap wap wow wop

85

ba— ba— do dn dap pa o dn dee dap do wow wap wap wow wop

90

do da do dn dap bap do dn da dn do dey bap bap ba do a hap bap

90

do da do dn dap bap do dn da dn do dey bap bap ba do a hap bap

90

do da do dn dap bap do dn da dn do dey bap bap ba do a hap bap

90

94

ba ba da bm ba bm ba dn do wap do a dap dap dap da ba da ba da dn do dn

94

ba ba da bm ba bm ba dn do wap do a dap dap dap da ba da ba da dn do dn

94

ba ba da bm ba bm ba dn do wap do a dap dap dap da ba da ba da dn do dn

94

98

(Sing 1x O)

dey pa do dn da pa io da io da (ee - ah-ee-ah-ee)

(Sing 1x O)

dey pa do dn da pa io da io da (ee - ah-ee ah-ee)

(Sing 1x O)

98

Dim. Poca A Poca

do ts do ts do ts do ts a

102

Sempre Cresc...

8x's

(7-8) do a do a

(3-8) You've got to sing

(1-8) Don't mean

(5-8) Give it just

you know— it don't mean a thing

to make it

rhy-th-m if you

(1-8) (simile)

1-7

106

106
am't got a swing doesn't matter if it's sweet or if it is hot
to make it doesn't matter if it's sweet or if it is hot just
It you can swing doesn't matter if it's sweet or if it is hot
doonts doon tsoon doonts doon tsoon doon tsdoon doonts doon tsoon

111

111
give that rhythm just give it ev-er-y-thing you've got It!
give that rhythm ev-er-y-thing you've got It!
give that rhythm just give it ev-er-y-thing you've got It!
doon ts doon tsoon doon ts a oon tsoon give it ev-er-y-thing you've got It!

115

115
don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing do a do a
115
don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing do a do a
115 6/8 7/8 9/8 10/8 11/8
115 12/8 13/8
if it ain't got that swing do a do a

120

120
do a do a do a do a do a (simile)
120
do a do a do a do a do a (simile)
120
do a do a do a do a do a

125

do

125

do

125

8

125

130

a It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing

130

a It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing

130

8

130

Fine