

It Don't Mean a Thing (if it ain't got that swing) – Duke Ellington (1931)

Intro : Gm - Gm7 - Gm6 - C7 - (x2) (2 beats each chord)

Chorus

Gm Gm7 Eb7 - D7 Gm
It don't mean a thing, if it ain't got that swing

C7 F7 Bb D7
- Doowa doowa, doowa doowa doowa, doowa doowa doo - waah

Gm Gm7 Eb7 - D7 Gm
No it don't mean a thing, all you got to do is sing

C7 F7 Bb /
- Doowa doowa, doowa doowa doowa, doowa doowa doo - waah

Bridge

Fm Bb Eb /
It makes no diff'rence if it's sweet or hot

Gm7 C7 F7 D7 {pause}
Just give that rhythm ev'rything you got. {'boo-boo-be-doo'}

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Gm - Gm7 - Gm6 - C7 - Gm - Gm7 - Gm6 - C7 - (2 beats each)

Gm F Eb D7
- What good is melody? - what good is mu-sic?

Gm F Eb7 D7
If it ain't possessin' ... some-thing sweet?

Gm F Eb D7
- It ain't the melody, - it ain't the mu-sic

Gm F Eb7 D7
- There's something else that makes the tune com-plete.

Instrumental Chorus (+ doo-wa s)

Bridge

Gm / Am /
It don't mean a thing, No it don't mean a thing,
Bb / Cm7 D7
If don't mean a thing ...

Bridge

Chorus {A Capella with finger snapping and uke tapping}

Gm {slowing} / Eb7 / D7 / Gm /
It don't mean a thing, if it aaaaiinnnn't gotttt thaaaatttt swiiiiiing

Chords

