

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 swiiiiing

Chords

