

# It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)

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**Lively** D7#5 Gm Gm/F Eb7 D7 Gm C7/G

Piano

6 Gb7(b5) Cm7/F Bb6 D7#5 Gm Gm/F Eb7 D7

Pno.

11

S  
A  
T  
B

what good is mu - sic, — if it ain't pos -  
What good is mel - o - dy, — what good is mu - sic, — if it ain't pos -  
What good is mel - o - dy, — what good is mu - sic, — if it ain't pos -  
What good is mel - o - dy, — what good is mu - sic, — if it ain't pos -

11 Gm Gm/F Eb7 D7 Gm Gm/F Em7(b5) Eb7 G Gm/F

Pno.

28

S  
thing if it ain't got that swing, — (doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah,

A  
thing if it ain't got that swing, — (doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah,

T  
thing if it ain't got that swing, — (doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah,

B  
thing if it ain't got that swing, — ain't got that swing, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah,

Pno.  
28 Gm/F Eb7 D7 Gm C7/G Gb7(b5)

33

S  
— doo wah, doo wah, doo wah.) It dont mean a thing, — all you got to do is

A  
— doo wah, doo wah, doo wah.) It dont mean a thing, — all you got to do is

T  
— doo wah, doo wah, doo wah.) It dont mean a thing, — all you got to do is

B  
— doo wah, doo wah, doo wah.) It dont mean a thing, — all you got to do is

Pno.  
33 Cm7/F Bb6 D7#5 Gm Gm/F Em7(b5) Eb7 D7#5 Db7

47

S  
give that rhy-thm ev' - ry - thing you got. Oh, it don't mean a

A  
give that rhy-thm ev' - ry - thing you got. Oh, it don't mean a

T  
give that rhy-thm ev' - ry - thing you got. Oh, it don't mean a

B  
give that rhy-thm ev' - ry - thing you got. Oh, it don't mean a

Pno.  
C7 F#dim7 C7 F7 G7 D7(#5) Gm

52

S  
thing if it ain't got that swing, (doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah,

A  
thing if it ain't got that swing, (doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah,

T  
thing if it ain't got that swing, (doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah,

B  
thing if it ain't got that swing, ain't got that swing, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah,

Pno.  
Gm/F Eb7 D7 Gm C7/G Gb7(b5)