

It Don't Mean a Thing

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Dm Dm⁷ Bb⁷ A⁷ Dm G⁷

Musical staff for measures 1-5. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes.

It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing— do-wah do wah

6 G⁷(b5) C⁷ F A⁷ Dm

Musical staff for measures 6-10. The melody continues with quarter notes and eighth notes.

do wah do wah do wah— do wah do wah do wah It don't mean a

10 Dm⁷ Bb⁷ A⁷ Dm G⁷ G⁷(b5)

Musical staff for measures 11-15. The melody continues with quarter notes and eighth notes.

thing all you got to do is swing— do wah do wah do wah do wah do wah

15 C⁷ F C^{#o} Cm⁷ F⁷ Bb

Musical staff for measures 16-20. The melody continues with quarter notes and eighth notes.

— do wah do wah do wah It makes no diff-'rence if— it's sweet or hot—

20 Bb C^{#o} G⁷ C^{#o} G⁷ C⁷ D⁷ Dm

Musical staff for measures 21-25. The melody continues with quarter notes and eighth notes.

— Just give that rhyth-m ev'-ry thing you got oh, it don't mean a

26 Dm⁷ Bb⁷ A⁷ Dm G⁷

Musical staff for measures 26-30. The melody continues with quarter notes and eighth notes.

thing if it ain't got that swing— do wah— do wah

30 G⁷(b5) C⁷ F

Musical staff for measures 31-35. The melody continues with quarter notes and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line.

do wah do wah do wah— do wah do wah do wah.