

It Don't Mean A Thing

If it ain't got that swing

MediumFast Swing

Duke Ellington and Irving Mills

mf

Voice

Piano

mf

G m G m/F E^b7 D7 G m G m/F E^b7 E^b13 D7 It

Detailed description: This system contains the first four measures of the piece. The top staff is for the Voice, which is currently silent. The middle staff is for the Piano, showing chords and some melodic lines. The bottom staff is the bass line. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb) and the time signature is 4/4. The dynamic marking is mezzo-forte (mf).

A

5

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5

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

G m G m/F E7(b5) C7 E^b7 D7 G m

Detailed description: This system contains measures 5 through 8. The voice part enters with the lyrics "don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing." The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a steady bass line. The dynamic marking is mezzo-forte (mf).

B

9

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9

Do-wah do-wah do-wah do-wah do-wah do-wah do-wah do-

C m7 C[#]dim7 B^b6/D C[#]dim7 C m7 F 11

Detailed description: This system contains measures 9 through 12. The voice part has a vocal line consisting of "do-wah" syllables. The piano accompaniment features more complex chords and a rhythmic bass line. The dynamic marking is mezzo-forte (mf).

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A

12

wah. It don't mean a thing, all you got to do is sing.

B \flat 6 D9(#5) Gm Gm/f Em7(b5) C7 E \flat 7 D7

B

16

Do - wah do - wah do - wah do - wah do - wah

Gm Cm7 C \sharp dim7 B \flat 6/D C \sharp dim7

C

19

do - wah do - wah do - wah. It makes no dif-'rence if

Cm7 F11 B \flat 9 Fm7 B \flat 9

22

it's sweet or hot, Just give that rhy-thm ev -

22 F m7 B \flat 9 E \flat M9 E \flat M9 G m7 C 9

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26

ry thing you've got. Oh, it don't mean a thing

26 G m7 C 9 F 7 D 7 G m G m/F

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A

30

if it ain't got that swing. Do-wah do-wah

30 E m7(b5) C 7 E \flat 7 D 7 G m C m7 C \sharp dim7

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B

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34

do - wah do - wah do - wah do - wah do - wah do - wah. It

34 B \flat 6/D C \sharp dim7 C m7 F11 B \flat 6 D9(\sharp 5)

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A

37

don't mean a thing, all you got to do is sing.

37 G m G m/F E m7(\flat 5) C7 E \flat 7 D7 G m

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B

41

Do-wah do-wah do-wah do-wah do-wah do-wah do-wah do-

41 C m7 C \sharp dim7 B \flat 6/D C \sharp dim7 C m7 F11

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wah. Do-wah do-wah do-wah do-wah do-wah

B \flat 6 D9(#5) Cm7 C#dim7 B \flat 6/D C#dim7

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47

do-wah do-wah do-wah. Do-wah do-wah

Cm7 F11 B \flat 6 D9(#5) Cm7 C#dim7

Pno.

50

do-wah do-wah do-wah do-wah do-wah do-wah.

B \flat 6/D C#dim7 Cm7 F11 B \flat m6

Pno.