

4. It Don't Mean a Thing

For Men's Chorus and Piano

Lively
mp

Duke Ellington and Irving Mills

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bass 1

Bass 2

Piano

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

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 8
 sess-in' some - thing sweet. _____ It ain't the mel - o - dy, _____
 sess-in' some - thing sweet. _____ It ain't the mel - o - dy, _____
 sess-in' some - thing sweet. _____ It ain't the mel - o - dy, _____
 sess-in' some - thing, some - thing sweet. _____ It ain't the mel - o - dy, _____

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 8
 it ain't the mu - sic, _____ *cresc.* There's some-thing else that makes the *f* tune com -
cresc.
 it ain't the mu - sic, _____ There's some-thing else that makes the *f* tune com -
cresc.
 it ain't the mu - sic, _____ There's some-thing else that makes the *f* tune com -
cresc.
 it ain't the mu - sic, _____ There's some-thing else that makes the *f* tune com -

15
cresc.
f

20 *p*
 ple. It don't mean a thing, if it ain't got that swing, _____
 ple. It don't mean a thing, if it ain't got that swing, _____
 ple. It don't mean a thing, if it ain't got that swing, _____ *mf marcato*
 ple. It don't mean a thing, if it ain't got that swing, _____ (doo doo doo

25 *mp*
 (doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah) It
 (doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah) It
 (doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah) It
 doo doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah) It

25 *mp*

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

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mf (doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah) *mp* It

mf (doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah) *mp* It

mf (doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah) *mp* It

mf (doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah wah wah) *mp* It

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mf *mp*

37 *cresc. poco a poco*

makes no diff -'rence if _____ it's sweet or hot, _____ Just

cresc. poco a poco

makes no diff -'rence if _____ it's sweet or hot, _____ Just

cresc. poco a poco

makes no diff -'rence if _____ it's sweet or hot, _____ Just

cresc. poco a poco

makes no diff -'rence if _____ it's sweet or if it's sweet or if it's hot, Just

37 *cresc. poco a poco*

41 *f*

give that rhy-thm ev - 'ry - thing you got, *f* Oh, it

give that rhy-thm ev - 'ry - thing you got, *f* Oh, it

give that rhy-thm ev - 'ry - thing you got, *f* Oh, it

give that rhy-thm ev - 'ry - thing you, give that rhy - thm all you got, it

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

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

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

don't mean a thing, if it ain't got that swing. _____ (doo doo doo

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p cresc. poco a poco *f* *mp*

(doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah) It

p cresc. poco a poco *f* *mp*

(doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah) It

p cresc. poco a poco *f* *mp*

(doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah) It

doo doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah) It

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p cresc. poco a poco *f* *mp*

53 *cresc. poco a poco*

makes no diff-'rence if _____ it's sweet or hot, _____ Just

cresc. poco a poco

makes no diff-'rence if _____ it's sweet or hot, _____ Just

cresc. poco a poco

makes no diff-'rence if _____ it's sweet or hot, _____ Just

cresc. poco a poco

makes no diff-'rence if _____ it's sweet or if it's sweet or if it's hot, Just

57 *allargando* **f**

give that rhy-thm ev - 'ry - thing you got, Oh, it

f

give that rhy-thm ev - 'ry - thing you got, Oh, it

f

give that rhy-thm ev - 'ry - thing you got, Oh, it

f

give that rhy-thm ev - 'ry - thing you, give that rhy - thm all you got, it

57 *allargando*

Grandly

accelerando

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

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

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

don't mean a thing, if it ain't got that swing. _____ (doo doo doo)

61

accelerando

As fast as possible

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ff

(doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah) _____

ff

(doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah) _____

ff

(doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, ___ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah) _____

ff

doo wah, doo ___ wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo ___ wah, doo wah, doo wah) wah) _____

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ff