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

Words & Music:
Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington and Irving Mills (1932)

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Em           D        C           C7   B7
What good is melody, what good is mu - sic,
Em           D         C           C7   B7
If it ain't possessin' something sweet?
Em           D       C            C7   B7
It ain't the melody, it ain't the mu - sic --
        Em                   D        C        C7   B7
There's something else that makes the tune complete.

   Em            B+          Em7            Em6
It don't mean a thing, if it ain't got that swing --
A7               D7               G6               C7  B7
Doo-wat doo-wat, doo-wat doo-wat, doo-wat doo-wat.
   Em            B+            Em7          Em6
It don't mean a thing, all you got to do is sing --
A7               D7               G6
Doo-wat doo-wat, doo-wat doo-wat, doo-wat doo-wat, doo-wat doo-wat.

Dm7          G7                Cmaj7/6           Cmaj7
It makes no diff'rence if that rhythm's sweet or hot,
Em7            A7     D7             C7   B7
Just give that rhythm ev'rything you got.

   Em            B+   Cdim   Em7   Cdim      Em6
It don't mean a thing, if it ain't got that swing --
A7               D7               G6               Gdim
Doo-wat doo-wat, doo-wat doo-wat, doo-wat doo-wat, doo-wat doo-wat,
A7               Cdim                  G6
Doo-wat doo-wat, doo-wat doo-wat, doo-waaaa.
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