

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

The Firehouse Jazz Band

Duke Ellington - 1932
Lyrics: Irving Mills
Rec: Ellington Orch. with voc. by Ivie Anderson
1932, Mills Bros. 1932, Quintet of the Hot Club
of France (Django, Grappelli) 1935, Sidney
Bechet 1957, etc.

Concert Pitch

*Chords are simplified somewhat for "Dixieland"

C7 F7sus4 B^b D+7

It

A Gm E^b7 D7 Gm

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

C7 F7sus4 B^b D+7

(doo wah, doo wah, doowah, doo wah, doowah, doo wah, doowah, doo wah.) It

B Gm E^b7 D7 Gm

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

C7 F7sus4 B^b E^b7 B^b

(Doo wah, doo wah.) It

C B^b7 E^b E^b7 D7 D^b7

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

C7 F7 D7

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

D Gm E^b7 D7 Gm

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

C7 F7sus4 B^b D+7

(Doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doowah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah.)