


# It don't mean a thing


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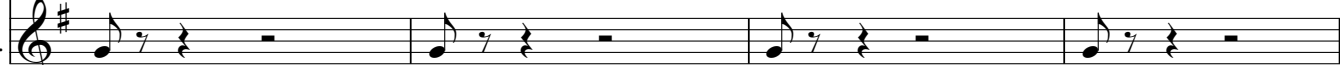
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♩ = 150

**A**


H.    
 It don't mean a thing\_\_ if it ain't got\_\_ that swing.

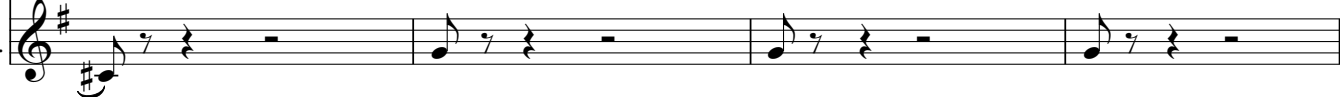
H.    
 doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah. It


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H.    
 don't mean a thing\_\_ if it got to do\_\_ is swing.

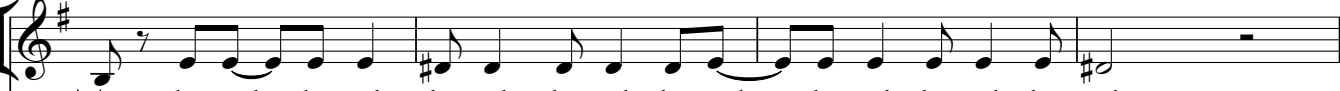
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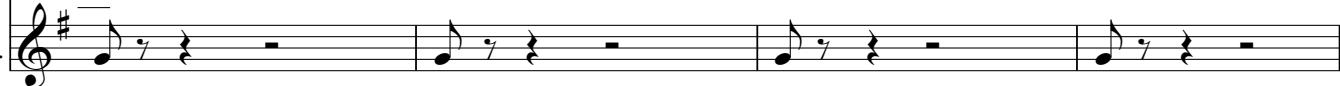
H.    
 doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah. It

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H.    
 makes no dif-rence if it's\_sweet or hot, just give that rhy-thm ev -'ry - thing you've got.

H.    
 Oh it don't mean a thing\_\_ if it ain't got\_\_ that swing.\_\_\_\_\_


H.    
 doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah.


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**C**

41 F#m F#m/E D7 C#7 F#m F#m/E D7 C#7

Tpt. 

H.    
 What good is mel - o - dy?\_ What good is mu - sic\_\_ if it ain't pos -

Tpt. 

50

H. 
  
 sess-in' some-thingsweet. It ain't the mel-o-dy. It ain't the

Tpt.

56

H. 
  
 mu - sic. There's some-thing else that makes the tune com -

Tpt.

60

H. 
  
 plete.

Tpt.

**E** *Instrumental 2*

64

H. 
  
 doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah,

Tpt.

70

H. 
  
 doo wah, doo wah, doo wah.

Tpt.

75

H. 
  
 doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah. It


Tpt.

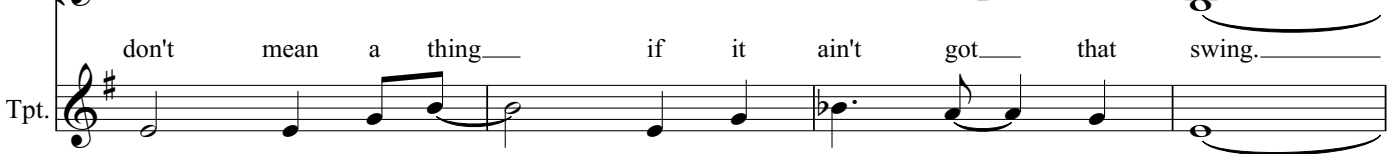
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**F**

H.  makes no dif-rence if it's\_sweet or hot, just give that rhy-thm ev-ry - thing you've got. Oh it

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

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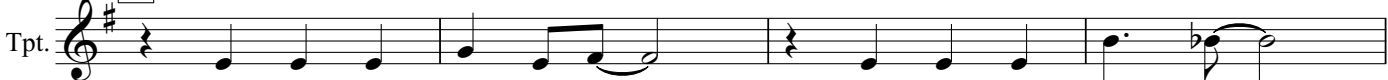
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H.  doo wah,\_ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah,\_\_ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah.


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**G**

Tpt. 

100

Tpt. 

104

Tpt. 

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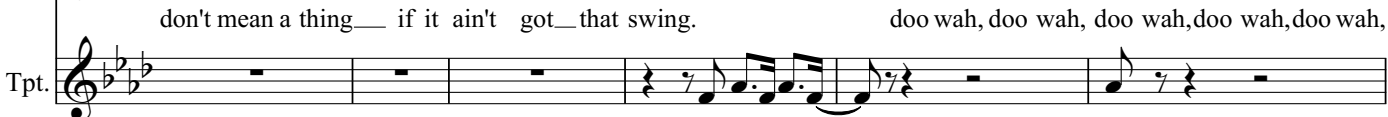
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H.  It's some - thing else\_\_ that makes the tune com - plete. It

119

**H**

H.  don't mean a thing\_\_ if it ain't got\_\_ that swing. doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah,

Tpt. 

125

H.  \_\_ doo wah, doo wah, doo wah. It don't mean a thing\_\_ if it ain't got\_\_ that

Tpt. 

130

H. *swing.* doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo

Tpt.

134 **I** *Huh!*

H. wah. It makes no difference if it's sweet or hot; just give that rhythm

Tpt.

140

H. ev - ry - thing you got. Oh it don't mean a thing if it ain't got that

Tpt.

146

H. *swing.* doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah.

Tpt.

151

H. doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah.

Tpt.

**J** *Coda*

155

H. doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo

Tpt.

158

H. wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah!

Tpt.