

It Don't Mean A Thing

As sung by the Real Group:
"Nothing But The Real Group", "Get Real" and "Unreal"

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Arr. Anders Edenroth

Rubato

Sopran
Ooh ooh ooh

Alt
Ooh What good is mu - sic? Ooh ooh

Tenor
Ooh ooh ooh

Bariton
What good is me-lo-dy? Ooh ooh ooh

Bass
Ooh ooh If it ain't po-

6 *crescendo* *sub. p*

ooh ooh

ooh ooh *sub. p*

ooh ooh *sub. p*

ooh It ain't the me-lo- dy... Ooh

ses - ses some-thing sweet. Ooh ooh *sub. p*



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ooh... ooh... that makes the tune com - plete. It

It ain't the mu - sic. Ooh ooh... that makes the tune com - plete.

ooh... ooh... that makes the tune com - plete.

ooh... ooh... that makes the tune com - plete.

ooh... There's some-thing else that makes the tune com - plete.

A

17 *Fast Swing*



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

do - a do-a bao wap bap ain't got swing wao wap wap wao wap

do - a do-a bao wap bap ain't got swing wao wap wap wao wap

do - a do-a bao wap bap ain't got swing wao wap wap wao wap

(walking bass)

Doon tsoon ...

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do-a do-a do - a. It don't mean a thing all you got-ta do is

wao wap do - a. do - a do-a bao wap bap got to

wao wap do - a. do - a do-a bao wap bap got to

wao wap do - a. do - a do-a bao wap bap got to

bo tsoon doon tsoondoon tsoon ...

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— sing, — do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do - a. It

— sing, — wao wap wao wap wa - o wap wa - o ao.

— sing, — wao wap wao wap wa - o wap wa - o ao.

— sing, — wao wap wao wap wa - o wap wa - o ao.

do fo tsoon doon tsoon

got that swing, do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a

got that swing, doo doo doo

got that swing, doo doo doo

got that swing, doo doo doo

tso koon tsoon doon tsoon doon tsoon tsoon tsoon

ooh dn do-a ooh pa do dn dap bap ba dap bao. bap bap bai

doo doo dap bap ba dap bao. bap bap bai

doo doo dap bap ba dap bao. bap bap bai

doo doo dap bap ba dap bao. bap bap bai

tso - on tsoon dap bap ba dap bao. tsoon doon ...

— dap doo de li bap bap shoo bap doo de li bap bo dap bap bap

— dap doo de li bap bap shoo bap doo de li bap ai dap bap bap

— dap doo de li bap bap shoo bap bap bap bo ai dap bap bap

— dap doo de li bap bap shoo bap doo de li bap bap bap ai dap bap bap

doon tsoon doon tsoon doon tsoon doon tsoon

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do be dee bao do-a do-a do-a do-a doo dn dap ba

do be dee bao do-a do-a do-a do-a doo dn dap ba

do be dee bao do-a do-a do-a do-a doo dn dap ba

do be dee do-a do-a do-a do-a doo dn dap ba

doon tsoon do bo tsoon doon tsoon ...

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___ ba doo ba_ ba doo ba_ bap bai dap a - oom, doo ba doo ba ba ba ba da ba_

___ ba doo ba_ ba doo ba_ bap bai dap a - oom, doo ba doo ba ba ba ba da ba_

___ ba doo ba_ ba doo ba_ bap bai dap a - oom, doo ba doo ba ba ba ba da ba_

___ ba doo ba_ ba doo ba_ bap bai dap a - oom, doo ba doo ba ba ba ba da ba_

tsoon tsoon tsoon bo doon

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___ da ba doo ba da dn da dn doo dap bap ba___ ba ba___ ba ba_

___ da ba doo ba da dn da dn doo dap bap ba___ ba ba___ ba ba_

___ da ba doo ba da dn da dn doo dap bap ba___ ba ba___ ba ba_

___ da ba doo ba da dn da dn doo dap bap ba___ ba ba___ ba ba_

___ tsoon doon tsoon doo tsoon doon bo doon_ ts doon ts doon_ ts doon ts doon

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— doo dn dap ba ooh dn dee dap doo wow— wap wap wow wap doo da doo dn dap

— doo dn dap ba ooh dn dee dap doo wow— ap wap doo da doo dn dap

— doo dn dap ba ooh dn dee dap doo wow— wap wow wap doo dn dap

— doo dn dap ba ooh dn dee dap wow— ap wap wow doo dn dap

— tsoon doon tsoon ...

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bap doo dn da doo dey— bap do-a bap bap ba ba da bm ba bm ba dn doo wap do-a

bap doo dn da dn doo dey— bap do-a bap bap ba ba da bm ba bm ba dn doo wap do-a

bap doo dn da doo bap bap ba do-a bap bap ba ba da bm ba bm ba dn doo wap do-a

bap doo dn doo dey— bap bap ba do-a bap bap ba ba da bm ba bm ba dn doo wap do-a

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— dap dap dap da ba da ba da dn doo dn dey ba doo dn da ba

— dap dap dap da ba da ba da dn doo dn dey ba doo dn da ba

— dap dap dap da ba da ba da dn doo dn dey ba doo dn da ba

— dap dap dap da ba da ba da dn doo dn dey ba doo dn da ba

doon tsoon ...

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— io da io da - ee-ah-ee-ah-ee-ah...

— io da io da - ee-ah-ee-ah-ee-ah...

— io da io da - ee-ah-ee-ah-ee-ah...

— io da io da - ee-ah-ee-ah-ee-ah...

oom ts doon ts doon ts doon ts a

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(repeat 7x)

(7)
do-a do-a do-a do-a. You know it don't mean a thing

(3-7)
You've got to sing all you've got to do to make it

(1-7)
Don't mean a thing don't mean a thing

(5-7)
Give it just give it ev-e-ry thing rhy-th-m

oom ts doon ts doon ts a oom ts doon ts doon ts a

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do-a do-a do-a a. If it ain't got that

You've got to sing all you've got to do to make it

Don't mean a thing don't mean a,

Give it just give it ev-e-ry - thing rhy-th-m. If you can

oom ts doon ts doon ts doon ts a oom ts doon ts doon ts doon ts a

swing. Does-n't mat-ter if it's sweet or if it is hot, give that

swing. Does-n't mat-ter if it's sweet or if it is hot, give that

does-n't mat-ter if it's sweet or hot no, just gi-ve that rhy-thm e-

swing, does-n't mat-ter if it's sweet or, if it is hot, give that

doon ts doon tsoon doon ts doon tsoon doon ts doon tsoon doon ts doon tsoon

rhy-thm just give it e-ve-ry-thing you've got. It! don'-t mean a thing

rhy-thm just give it e-ve-ry-thing you've got. It! don'-t mean a thing

- ve-ry - thing you, give it e-ve-ry-thing you've got. It! don'-t mean a thing

rhy-thm just give it e-ve-ry-thing you've got. It! don'-t mean a thing

doon ts ba doon tsoon, give it e-ve-ry-thing you've got. It! don'-t mean a thing

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if it ain't got that swing, do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do - a,

if it ain't got that swing, do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do - a,

if it ain't got that swing, do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do - a,

if it ain't got that swing, do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do - a,

if it ain't got that doon tsoon ...

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do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a, do-a do - a do-a do-a

do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a, do-a do - a do-a do-a

do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a, do-a do - a do-a do-a

do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a, do-a do - a do-a do-a

do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a do-a, do-a do - a do-a do-a

do - a do - a do - a do - a, do - a do - a It

do - a do - a do - a do - a, a a. It

do - a do - a do - a do - a, a do - a.

do - a do - a do - a do - a, do - a do

tsoo ba doo ba doo da It

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

don't mean a thing if it ain't

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