'Taint What You Do (It's The Way That You Do It)

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     C          C7        F          G7
When I was a kid about half past three
      C                         D7      G7
My ma said "Daughter, come here to me"
       C          C7        F          G7
Said things may come, and things may go
                                 C
But this is one thing you ought to know...

      C              C7        F          G7
Oh 'tain't what you do it's the way that you do it
   C              C7        F          G7
'Tain't what you do it's the way that you do it
   C              C7        F          G7
'Tain't what you do it's the way that you do it
                    C
That's what gets results

   C              C7        F          G7
'Tain't what you do it's the time that you do it
   C              C7        F          G7
'Tain't what you do it's the time that you do it
   C              C7        F          G7
'Tain't what you do it's the time that you do it
                    C
That's what gets results

        F                    C
You can try hard, Don't mean a thing,
        F     Cdim   G7
Take it easy, greasy, Then your jive will swing

     C              C7        F          G7
Oh 'tain't what you do it's the place that you do it
   C              C7        F          G7
'Tain't what you do it's the time that you do it
   C              C7        F          G7
'Tain't what you do it's the way that you do it
                    C
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   G7      C            C7   F G7          C            C7  F G7
You've learned your A B  C's,   You've learned your DF  G's
     C                            D7       G7
But this is something you don't learn in school
     C        C7        F G7        C            C7     F G7
So get your hip boots on,     And then you'll carry on

But remember if you're tryin' too hard
     D7            G7
It don't mean a thing—Take it easy


(band members:
     C            C7          F            G7
'Tain't what you bring it's the way that you bring it
     C            C7          F            G7
'Tain't what you swing it's the way that you swing it
     C            C7          F            G7
'Tain't what you sing- it's the way that you sing it
                         C
(That's what gets results)

(band members sing while Ella adlibs:
     C            C7        F            G7
'Tain't what you do it's the way that you do it
    C            C7          F            G7
'Tain't what you do it's the way that you do it
     C            C7          F            G7
'Tain't what you do it's the way that you do it
                       C      G7   C
That's what gets results (Re-bop!)
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