

If You Don't Give a Doggone About It

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HEY, fellas! Sometimes your business is ALL messed up, yeah!
...sometimes you don't have your thing together, yeah, yeah, YEAH!
...and when your thing is ALL messed up... somebody will take that fire, yeah!
Sooooo...
If you...
DON'T give...
A doggone about it...!
If (If you...) you DON'T give... (Say it, now...)
A doggone about it...! (Say it...)
If you DON'T give...
A doggone about it...! (Say it!)
(If you DON'T give...)
(A doggone about it...)
Then THEY—!
They won't give a damn!
If you DON'T give...
A doggone about it...!
If you DON'T give... (Hey, yeah...)
A doggone about it...!
(Say it!) If you DON'T give...
A doggone about it...
Then THEY—!
They won't give a damn!
SIT DOWN!
Yeah...!
Oh, yeah! Come on, now—tell me...
(Get on, now!)
(Go ahead!) JB! (Go ahead!) JB!
(Go ahead!) Looka here...
You GOT to have a job... with both, FEET, on the table!
You GOT to have a job... to keep that family able...
You GOT to have a job!—to keep the thing... IN EFFECT!
You GOT to have a job... to keep your self-respect, now...
You GOT to have a job... to put the BREAD on the table! (Hey!)
You GOT to have a job... to keep that family a...ble!
If you DON'T give!!
—A doggone about it...!
If you DON'T give...
A doggone about it...! (Say it!)
If you DON'T give... (Yeah, yeah...)
A doggone about it...!
If you DON'T give...
A doggone about it...
Then THEY—!
Won't give a damn.
SIT DOWN, NOW!
Well...
Good God, now!
Oh... (oh!) OH!! Let me have it...
Touch me...
Touch ME!!—yeah...
GET DOWN!
—TELL the boy I need, to...
GET DOWN!
—Stomp that FAR degree!
GET DOWN!
—I want a modern NAME, yeah...

GET DOWN!
-KEEP my product right...
GET DOWN!
-LOVE... it!
LOVE it!
LOVE IT...!
LOVE IT!-yeah...
LOVE IT!-yeah...
Love IT!-yeah! yeah!
LOVE IT...!-yeah...
LOVE IT!-yeah!
LOVE IT!
LOVE IT...!
(Love it! Yeah-yeah, now!) Love it! (Love it!)
Love IT! (Love it!)
Love IT! (Love it!)
OWWWWWW! (Love that...)
Love IT... (Love it...) Song and dance...
Love IT!-yeah... (Love it!)
Love-that-thing-they-do...
Love-that-thing-they-yeah-yeah...
Uh, yeah...
Love it... I just... love it! (Love it! YEAH, yeah...) Love IT!
(Love it!) Love it!
(Love it!) LOVE it!
(Love it... WOOOOOO-OoO, Lord...)
I need it...
Need it...
(Got to have it!) Love it-yeah-yeah, yeah, yeah...
ya-ya-ya
ya-ya-ya-yeah!
Love it, yeah! (Love it, yeah!)
Love it, yeah! (Love it, yeah!) Come on! (WOO!)
GOT to have a job... to put the FOOD... on the table!
GOT to have a job... to keep that PARTY able...
GOT to have a job... to BRING... home the BREAD-ah!
GOT to have a job... to keep that family fed, now!
Got-ta... got-ta... got-ta...
Got-ta... Keep on loving, yeh...
Keep on loving!
Want some LOVING! (Loving!)
Want some LOVING! (Loving!)
Want some LOVING! (Loving...)
Want some LOVING! (Let me!)
Want some LOVING! HA!-(Love me...)
I need it... (I NEED... it!)
some-some, some-some,
some-some, some-some,
some-some, some-some, (Come on!)
(and... you know!) Get some!
Get some-some... (Why won't you...) Give me some...
(oo-woo...) some... (WOO) loving... (WOO!) Somebody...
(YEAHhH...) Somebody, YEAH... (Loving-yeah!) Some loving, yeah!
(You got to come WITH me!) Love-love-loving, yeah-yeah!
(LOVING, yeah!) love-love-love, now, gimme some loving, yeah...
(yeah, YEAH, YEAH!) Give me some funk...
(Come on, keep on...) A little bit of honey...
(What's that?) Honey...
(Push it, now!) Push that funk down out to me, yeah...
(What's that?) That honey... (PUSH it out there, y'all...)
Got-ta... got-ta... (you-got, you-got, you-got, you-got,)
Got-ta... got-ta... (you-got, you-got, you-got, you-got,)
Got-ta... YEAA-OWWWW!! (you-got, you-got, you-got, you-got!)

Get down!
(Get down!)
YEAAAAH!
Stop and go! (Yeah?) Yeah! (Yeah!—Come on,) Yeah!
(Yeah! Come... on!) Get it together!
Go! (Go...) GO!—(Yeah!)
Go!—(Yeah!)
(Yeah!)
Go!—(Yeah!)
Go!—(Yeah!)
(Yeah! Yeah...)
Go!—(Yeah!)
Go!—(Yeah!)
Go!—(Yeah!)
Go!—(Yeah!)
(Yeah...) [Coda]