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"(That's) What The Nitty Gritty Is"

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Everybody's asking what the nitty gritty
The nitty gritty's anything you want it to be
Just stir it up from the soul
And when it starts to fizz
That's what the nitty gritty is
That's what the nitty gritty is, listen

There's a nitty gritty way of talking
Boom bop boom... the nitty gritty
There's a nitty gritty way of walking
Boom de boom boom...

There's a nitty gritty way of sounding
Ooh, ooh, ooh
There's a nitty gritty way of sounding
Boom digga boom... tell the beat

Some people think the nitty gritty's a dance
You think it's a dance, do the nitty gritty
Come on and do the nitty gritty
Come on and dance the nitty gritty

There's a nitty gritty way of saying
Boom bop boom... the nitty gritty
There's a nitty gritty way of playing
Do do do dooda...

There's a nitty gritty way of oohing
Ooh, ooh, ooh
There's a nitty gritty way of doing
Boom digga boom... tell the beat

Gotta say and call it, taking care of biz
That's what the nitty gritty is

That's really what the nitty gritty is
That's what the nitty gritty is, listen

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Really what the nitty gritty is, listen

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