

## Shirley Ellis

### "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

That's what the nitty gritty is

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Really what the nitty gritty is, listen

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