

## The Ink Spots

### "I Can't Give You Anything But Love"

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I Can't Give You Anything But Love (Baby)

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- This version did not chart, but no great loss because everybody and their brother did it, following its introduction in the revue "Lew Leslie's Blackbirds of 1928".
- In 1928: Cliff Edwards (# 1); Ben Selvin (# 2); Johnny Hamp (# 4); and Seger Ellis (# 19)
- Then, in 1929, it was charted by Gene Austin and Nat Shilkret (both hit # 12)
- In 1936 Teddy Wilson featuring Billie Holiday took it to #5.
- In 1943 it was sung in the film "Stormy Weather" by Lena Horne and Bill "Bojangles" Robinson.
- In 1948 Rose Murphy brought it back again, at # 13.
- It finally wore out with the 1966 instrumental version by Bert Kaempfert at # 100.

I can't give you anything but love, baby  
That's the only thing I've plenty of, baby  
Dream a while, scheme a while  
You're sure to find  
Happiness and I guess  
All those things you've always pined for

Now, gee I love to see you lookin' swell, baby  
Diamond bracelets Woolworth doesn't sell, baby  
Till that lucky day, you know darn well, baby  
I can't give you anything but love

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MONOLOGUE: Gee, I love to see you lookin' swell, baby.  
Look like you just came  
up outta the wishin' well, baby. Dream awhile, scheme  
awhile and you're sure to find  
happiness and ALL those things you been lookin' for,  
baby. Gee, I LOVE to see ya  
lookin' swell, baby!! Diamond rings, bracelets, gold  
watches 'n' everything, baby.

Until that lucky day, honey, you know good 'n' doggone  
well, honey, I can't give you a  
DADGUM thing but love.

Now, I can't give you anything but love, baby  
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You're sure to find  
Happiness and I guess  
All those things you'u've always pined for

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