

Cruel To Be Kind

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INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 /

[C]/[Em]/[F]/[G]/
[C]/[Em]/[F]/[G]/[G]

Oh [C] I can't take another [Em] heartache
Though you [F] say you're my friend [G7sus4] I'm at my wits end
[C] You say your love is [Em] bona fide
But that [F] don't coin-[Em]cide [Dm] with the things that you [F] do
And when I [Em] ask you, to be [F] nice, you [G7sus4] say

CHORUS:

You gotta be [F] cruel to be [G] kind [Em] in the right [Am] measure
[F] Cruel to be [G] kind, it's a [Em] very good [Am] sign
[F] Cruel to be [G] kind [Em] means that I [Am] love you [G7sus4] baby
(You [G7] gotta be cruel) You [G7] gotta be cruel to be [C] kind /[Em]/[F]/[G]

Well, I [C] do my best to under-[Em]stand, dear
But you [F] still mystify, and [G7sus4] I wanna know why
[C] I pick myself up [Em] off the ground
To have you [F] knock me [Em] back down [Dm] again and a-[F]gain
And when I [Em] ask you, to ex-[F]plain, you [G7sus4] say

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(You [G7] gotta be cruel) You [G7] gotta be cruel to be [C] kind
[C] Oo-oo-oo [A] oo-oo [A7] oo-oo

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[G7sus4]/[G7sus4]

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(You [G7] gotta be cruel)

You [G7] gotta be cruel to be [F] kind [G] oh [Em] in the right [Am] measure

[F] *(Cruel to be [G] kind)* It's a [Em] very, very [Am] very good [F] sign

[G] It [Em] means that I [Am] love you [G7sus4] baby

(You [G7] gotta be cruel)

You [G7] gotta be cruel to be [C] kind [F]/[C]↓

