

Cruel To Be Kind  
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[Intro]

C G F G  
C G F  
G

[Verse 1]

C Em  
Oh, I can't take another heartache  
F G7sus4  
Though you say you're my friend, I'm at my wit's end  
C Em  
You say your love is bona fide  
F Em Dm F  
But that don't coincide with the things that you do  
Em F G  
And when I ask you to be nice, you say  
You gotta be

[Chorus]

F G Em Am  
Cruel to be kind in the right measure  
F G Em Am  
Cruel to be kind it's a very good sign  
F G Em Am  
Cruel to be kind means that I love you  
G7sus4 G C  
Baby, you gotta be cruel to be kind

[Verse 2]

G F G C Em  
Well, I do my best to understand, dear  
F G7sus4  
But you still mystify and I want to know why  
C Em  
I pick myself up off the ground  
F Em Dm F  
To have you knock me back down again and again

Em F G

And when I ask you to explain you say  
You gotta be

[Chorus]

F G Em Am

Cruel to be kind in the right measure

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Cruel to be kind means that I love you

G7sus4 G C A A7

Baby, you gotta be cruel to be kind

[Guitar Solo]

F G Em Am F G Em Am

F G Em Am G7sus4

[Verse 3]

G C Em

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F G7sus4

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C Em

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F Em Dm F

To have you knock me back down again and again

Em F

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[Chorus]

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**G7sus4 G F G**

Baby, you gotta be cruel to be kind

**Em Am**

In the right measure

**F G Em Am F G**

It's a very very very good sign

**Em Am**

It means that I love you

**G7sus4 G F G**

Baby, you gotta be cruel to be kind

**Em Am**

In the right measure

**F G Em Am F G**

Yes it's a very very very good sign

**Em Am**

It means that I love you

**G7sus4 G F G**

Baby, you gotta be cruel to be kind

[Fade Out]

**Em Am**

In the right measure

**F G Em Am F G**

Yes it's a very very very good sign

**Em Am**

It means that I love you