# 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

**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

**[C]** Oo-oo-oo **[A]** oo-oo **[A7]** oo-oo

**INSTRUMENTAL:**

**[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

**[G7sus4] / [G7sus4]**

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

**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 **[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]↓**

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