**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

**[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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