

**Cruel To Be Kind**  
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[Intro]

**C Em F G** (2x)

[Verse 1]

**C Em**  
Oh, I can't stand another heart-ache  
**F Dm7 G**  
Though you say you're my friend, I'm at my wits' end  
**C Em F Em**  
You say your love is bona fide, but that don't coincide  
**Dm F Em F G**  
With the things that you do, when I ask you, to be nice - you say

[Chorus]

**F G Em Am**  
You gotta be 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  
**G C Em F G**  
Ba-by, you gotta be cruel to be kind

[Verse 2]

**C Em**  
Well I do my best to understand you (it)  
**F Dm7 G**  
But you still mystify, and I wanna 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**  
When I ask you to explain - you say

[Chorus]

**F G Em Am**  
You gotta be cruel to be kind in the right measure  
**F G Em Am**  
Cruel to be kind, it's a very good sign

[Instrumental]

[Verse 3]

[ Chorus ]

(Rpt Chorus to fade)