

[Intro]

C G/B F/A G
||: / / / / | / / / / | / / / / | / / / / :|| [x2]

[Verse 1]

G C Em
| / / / / | Oh, I can't take another ...heartache,

F G7sus4
Though you say you're my friend, I'm at my wits end,

C Em
You say your love is ...bona fide,

F Em Dm F
But that don't ...coin - cide ...with the things that you do,

Em F G7sus4
And 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 Am
Cruel to be kind, it's a very good sign,

F G Em Am G7sus4
Cruel to be kind, means that I love you, baby-----!
(Babe-----!)
(You gotta be cruel!)

G7 C G/B F/A G
You gotta be cruel to be kind! | / / / / | / / / / | / / / / |

[Verse 2]

C Em
Well, I do my best to under - ...stand, dear,

F G7sus4
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 a - gain,

Em F G7sus4
And when I ask you to ex - plain, you say...

[Chorus]

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

[Bridge]

C A A7
Oo, oo -oo ! Oo, oo, oo!

[Guitar solo break - * Tablature of solo at bottom of page)

F G Em Am Am
||: / / / / | / / / / :|| [x3]
G7sus4 G7
| /_ /_ /_ /_ | /_ /_ /_ /_ | /_ /_ /_ /_

[Verse 3]

G7 C Em
Well, I do my best to under - ...stand, dear,
F G7sus4
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 a - gain,
Em F G7sus4
And when I ask you to ex - plain, you say...

[Choruses]

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 G7sus4

Cruel to be kind, means that I love you, baby-----!

(Babe-----!)

(You gotta be cruel!)

G7 F G Em Am

You gotta be cruel to be kind-----, oh, in the right measure,

(Cruel to be kind!)

F G Em Am Am F G

It's a very, very, very good sign-----,

(Cruel to be kind!) ^ ^ (Cruel to be kind---!)

Em Am G7sus4

It means that I love you, baby-----!

(Babe-----!)

(You gotta be cruel!)

G7 F G Em Am

You gotta be cruel to be kind-----, oh, in the right measure,

(Cruel to be kind!)

F G Em Am Am F G

Yes, it's a very, very, very good sign-----,

(Cruel to be kind!) ^ ^ (Cruel to be kind!)

Em Am G7sus4

It means that I love you, baby-----!

(Babe-----!)

(You gotta be cruel!)

[Suggestion for coda]

G7 F Dm7/G C

You gotta be cruel to be kind-----!

| / / / / | / ||