

Cruel To Be Kind

(Written by Nick Lowe and Ian Gomm. Recorded by Nick Lowe, 1979.)

(C) (Em) (F) (G)

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Oh, **(C)** I can't take another **(Em)** heartache

Though you **(F)** say you're my friend, **(G)** I'm at my wit's end

(C) You say your love is **(Em)** bonafide,

But that **(F)** don't coin**(Am)**cide

(Dm) With the things that you **(F)** do and when I **(Em)** ask you to be **(F)** nice

You **(G)** say you've got to 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

(F) Baby, got to be cruel, you got to be cruel to be **(C)** kind

(Em) (F) (G) (G)

Well I **(C)** do my best to under**(Em)**stand dear

But you **(F)** still mystify and **(G)** I want to know why

(C) I pick myself up **(Em)** off the ground

To have you **(F)** knock me **(Am)** back down

(Dm) Again and a**(F)**gain and when I **(Em)** ask you to ex**(F)**plain

You **(G)** say, you've got to be...

↑ omit c while
repeating chorus
at end

(chorus)

Ooh ooh ooh **(A)** ooh.. ooh... ooh...

(solo over chorus chords)

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(chorus – repeat and fade)

