

## Cruel To Be Kind

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Oh, I can't take another heartache  
Though you say you're my friend, I'm at my wits end  
You say your love is bona fide  
But that don't coincide with the things that you do  
And when I ask you to be nice, you say

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Cruel to be kind in the right measure  
Cruel to be kind it's a very good sign  
Cruel to be kind means that I love you  
Baby, you gotta be cruel to be kind

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But you still mystify and I want to know why  
I pick myself up off the ground  
To have you knock me back down again and again  
And when I ask you to explain, well, you say

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Cruel to be kind that means that I love you  
Baby, you gotta be cruel  
So, baby, you gotta be cruel  
Said, baby, you gotta cruel to be kind