

Cruel To Be Kind – Nick Lowe (In D) (1979)

INTRO: D F#m G A (x2)

VERSE 1

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

CHORUS

You gotta be 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

VERSE 2

Well, I do my best to understand it
But you still mystify, and I wanna 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 – you say

CHORUS

G **A** **F#m** **Bm**
You gotta be cruel to be kind in the right measure
G **A** **F#m** **Bm**
Cruel to be kind, it's a very good sign
G **A** **F#m** **Bm**
Cruel to be kind, means that I love you
Gmaj7/A **D**
Baby, you gotta be cruel to be kind
B **B7**
Oo, oo, oo! Oo, oo, oo!

INSTRUMENTAL: G A F#m Bm (x3) A A A

VERSE 3

D **F#m**
Well, I do my best to understand it
G **Em7** **A**
But you still mystify, and I wanna know why
D **F#m**
I pick myself up, off the ground
G **F#m** **Em** **G**
To have you knock me back down, again and again
F#m **G** **A**
And when I ask you to explain – you say

CHORUS

G **A** **F#m** **Bm**
You gotta be cruel to be kind in the right measure
G **A** **F#m** **Bm**
Cruel to be kind, it's a very good sign
G **A** **F#m** **Bm**
Cruel to be kind, means that I love you
Gmaj7/A
Baby, you gotta be cruel, you gotta be cruel to be
kind ...

(Repeat Chorus to fade)