

**Cruel To Be Kind** By: Nick Lowe (original key)

Intro: C-Em-F-Gmaj (2x)

C Em  
Oh, I can't stand another heart-ache  
F Gmaj  
Though you say you're my friend, I'm at my wits end  
C Em F Em Dm  
You say your love is bona fide, but that don't coincide  
F Em F Gmaj  
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  
Gmaj C-Em-F-G  
Ba-by, you gotta be cruel to be kind (2<sup>nd</sup> time go to Ride)

C Em  
Well I do my best to under - stand you  
F Gmaj  
But you still mystify, and I wanna know why  
C Em F Em Dm  
I pick myself up, off the ground To have you knock me back down,  
F Em F Gmaj  
again and again, When I ask you to explain - you say

CHORUS -

RIDE C-A ( F-G-Em-Am x 3 for lead) D-----

Verse 2 - Well I do my best ...

CHORUS (3x) fade