

# Cruel to be Kind

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Intro: **G Bm C D** (2x)

Oh, (**G**) I can't stand another (**Bm**) heart-ache  
Though you (**C**) say you're my friend, (**D**) I'm at my wits end.  
(**G**) You say your love is (**Bm**) bona fide,  
but that don't (**C**) co- (**Bm**) -in- (**Am**) -cide (coincide)  
With the things that you (**C**) do, when I (**Bm**) ask you,  
to be (**C**) nice you (**D**) say

## CHORUS

You gotta be (**C**) cruel to be (**D**) kind (**Bm**) in the right (**Em**) measure  
(**C**) Cruel to be (**D**) kind, it's a (**Bm**) very good (**Em**) sign  
(**C**) Cruel to be (**D**) kind, (**Bm**) means that I (**Em**) love you  
(**D**) Ba-by, you gotta be cruel to be kind (1) **G Bm C D**  
(2) go to RIDE

Well I (**G**) do my best to under (**Bm**) stand you  
But you (**C**) still mystify, and (**D**) I wanna know why  
(**G**) I pick myself up, (**Bm**) off the ground  
To have you (**C**) knock me (**Bm**) back (**Am**) down,  
again and (**C**) again, When I (**Bm**) ask you to (**C**) explain, you (**D**) say

## CHORUS

RIDE **G E - ( C D Bm Em x 3 for lead ) (D) -----**

Verse 2 - Well I do my best ...

CHORUS (3x) fade