**Cruel to be Kind Nick Lowe edited 09/23/2022**

**[Intro]**

 **C G/B F/A G 2X**

**[Verse 1]**

 **G C Em**

 **Oh, I can't take another ...heartache,**

 **F G7sus4**

**Though you say you're my friend, I'm at my wits end,**

**C Em**

 **You say your love is ...bona fide,**

 **F Em Dm F**

**But that don't ...coin - cide ...with the things that you do,**

 **Em F G7sus4**

**And 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 Am**

**Cruel to be kind, it's a very good sign,**

**F G Em Am G7sus4**

**Cruel to be kind, means that I love you, baby------------------------!**

 **(Babe------------------!)**

 **(You gotta be cruel!)**

 **G7 C**

**You gotta be cruel to be kind!**

**[bridge]**

**G/B F/A G**

**[Verse 2]**

 **C Em**

**Well, I do my best to under - ...stand, dear,**

 **F G7sus4**

**But, you still mystify, and I wanna know why,**

**C Em**

 **I pick myself up ...off the ground,**

 **F Em Dm F**

**To have you ...knock me back down ...again and a - gain,**

 **Em F G7sus4**

**And when I ask you to ex - plain, you say...**

**[Chorus]**

**[Bridge]**

**C A A7**

 **Oo, oo -oo ! Oo, oo, oo!**

**[Guitar solo break - \* Tablature of solo at bottom of page)**

 **F G Em Am 3X G7sus4**

**[Verse 2 repeats]**

**[ final Choruses]**

 **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 G7sus4**

**Cruel to be kind, means that I love you, baby-----------------------!**

 **(Babe------------------!)**

 **(You gotta be cruel!)**

 **G7 F G Em Am**

**You gotta be cruel to be kind-----------, oh, in the right measure,**

 **(Cruel to be kind!)**

 **F G Em Am Am F G**

 **It's a very, very, very good sign------------,**

**(Cruel to be kind!) (Cruel to be kind---!)**

 **Em Am G7sus4**

**It means that I love you, baby--------------------------!**

 **(Babe--------------------!)**

 **(You gotta be cruel!)**

 **G7 F G Em Am**

**You gotta be cruel to be kind----------, oh, in the right measure,**

 **(Cruel to be kind!)**

 **F G Em Am Am F G**

 **Yes, it's a very, very, very good sign------------,**

**(Cruel to be kind!) (Cruel to be kind!)**

 **Em Am G7sus4**

**It means that I love you, baby-------------------------!**

 **(Babe--------------------!)**

 **(You gotta be cruel!)**

**[coda]**

 **G7 C (tacet)**

**You gotta be cruel to be kind**

**\*[Guitar solo]**

 **F G Em Am**

**e |--5-----7----|--7--7-7----8--8--|**

**B |--6-----8----|--8--8-8---10-10--|**

**G |--5-----7----|--9--9-9----9--9--| [x3]**

**D |-------------|------------------|**

**A |-------------|------------------|**

**E |-------------|------------------|**

 **b = bend note up a half-step**

 **G7sus4 G7**

**e |------b12--|--12-----10-----|--8----7----5----3------|**

**B |-----------|---13-----12----|---10----8----6----5----|**

**G |-----------|-----12-----12--|-----10----9----7----5--|**

**D |-----------|----------------|------------------------|**

**A |-----------|----------------|------------------------|**

**E |-----------|----------------|------------------------|**