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

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

I do my best to understand, dear
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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Baby, you gotta be cruel to be kind

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Baby

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Cruel to be kind in the right measure
Cruel to be kind it's a very, very, very good sign
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