

## **Graham Parker**

### **"Cruel Lips"**

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What does it take to shut your cruel, cruel lips  
How could I have mistaken the kiss for a kiss?  
Of all the things you said to me, of all things to let slip  
Oh, what does it take to shut your cruel, cruel lips?

How did you finally break my heart, heart, heart?  
How could you turn on your light then leave me in the  
dark?  
How can I recover from the blue that made us part?  
Oh, how did you finally break my heart, heart, heart?

Of all the things I have in mind this wasn't one of them  
Of all the strings you pulled behind my back  
You said, "This wasn't one you'd ever pull again"

How long must I walk down this long, long road

There's nothing at the end of it and I'm carrying this  
load  
You don't lift a finger now, you just stand there and  
broach  
For how long must I walk down this long, long road  
How long, how long?

Of all the things I have in mind this was not one of them  
Of all the strings you pulled behind my back  
You said, "This wasn't one you'd ever pull again"

Oh, what does it take to stop your sharp, sharp tongue  
You know I'm not invincible and those words really  
stung  
They cut me to the marrow and they cut me to the quick  
Oh, how does it take to shut your cruel, cruel lips?  
Oh, how does it take to shut your cruel, cruel lips?

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