

I used to **HATE** you.

Now I realize that you just try to **PROTECT** me.

I used to **DESPISE** you because you took my family.

I used to think that all you did was **RUIN** people's lives  
and eat donuts.

But the **TRUTH** is...

Every day you **RISK** your life for **UNGRATEFUL** people  
who **HATE** you and get in your face  
when all you're doing is just trying to keep them **SAFE**.

I used to **HATE** you,

But **NOW**...

**NOW** I just want to **BE LIKE YOU**.

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