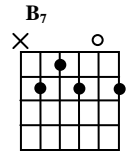
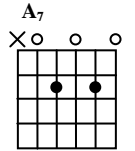
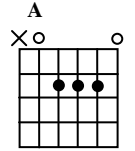


# **RUEBEN JAMES**

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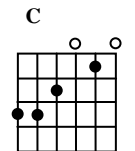
## **Verse 1**

Rueben James in my song you'll live again  
And the phrases that I rhyme Are just footsteps out of time  
From a time when I knew you Rueben James



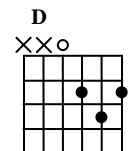
## **Verse 2**

Rueben James all the folks around Madison County cussed your name  
Just a no account share-croppin' colored man Who'd steal anything he can  
And everybody laid the blame on Rueben James



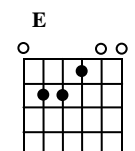
## **Chorus 1**

Rueben James you still walk the fertile fields of my mind  
Faded shirt, weathered brow Calloused hands upon the plow  
I loved you then and I loved you now, Rueben James



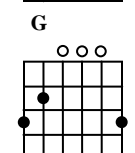
## **Verse 3**

Flora Graves the gossip of Madison County died with child  
And although your skin was black You were the one who didn't turn your back  
On a hungry white child with no name Rueben James



## **Verse 4**

Rueben James with your mind on my soul and a bible in your right hand  
You said turn the other cheek There's a better world waitin' for the meek  
In my mind these words remain from Rueben James



## **Chorus 1 (2 - below)**

Rueben James you still walk the fertile fields of my mind  
Faded shirt, weathered brow Calloused hands upon the plow  
I loved you then and I loved you now, Rueben James

## **Verse 5**

Rueben James one dark cloudy day they brought you from the field  
And to your lonely pine box came Just a preacher me and the rain  
To sing one last refrain for Rueben James

## **Chorus 2 (Repeat and fade out)**