

Reuben James  
Kenny Rogers

Rueben James 4/4 Kenny Rogers  
Standard Tuning No Capo Reworked by Ken Lee  
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/ D / A7 / D  
Rueben / James in my / song you ll live a / gain, and  
/ G / D  
The / phrases that I / rhyme,  
/ A7 / D  
Are just / footsteps out-a / time,  
/ G / D / A7 - D  
From a / time when I / knew you / Rueben James.

/ D / A7  
/ D  
Rueben / James all the folks around Madison / County cussed your / name.  
/ G / D  
Just a / no account share-cropper / colored man,  
/ A7 / D  
Who d / steal anything he / can, and  
G / D / A7 - D  
Everybody laid the / blame on / Rueben James.

/ G / D  
Rueben / James you still walk the fertile fields of my / mind,  
/ G  
Faded / shirt weathered brow,  
/ D  
Calloused / hands upon the plow  
/ C / D  
Loved you / then and I love you now Rueben / James.

/ D / A7 /  
D  
Flora / Graves the gossip of Madison / County died with / child, and  
/ G / D  
Al / though your skin was / black,  
/ A7 / D  
You were the / one who didnt turn your / back,  
/ G / D / A7 - D  
On a / hungry white child with / no name / Rueben James.

/ D / A7  
/ D  
Rueben / James with your mind on my soul and a / bible in your right, / and  
/ G / D  
You said / turn the other / cheek,  
/ A7 / D

Theres a / better world waitin for the / meek,  
/ G / D / A7 - D  
In my / mind these words re - / main from / Rueben James.

/ G / D  
Rueben / James you still walk the fertile fields of my / mind,  
/ G  
Faded / shirt weathered brow,  
/ D  
Calloused / hands upon the plow  
/ C / D  
Loved you / then and I love you now Rueben / James.

/ E / B7  
/ E  
Rueben / James one dark cloudy day they / brought you from the / field,and  
/ A / E  
To your / lonely pine box / came,  
/ B7 / E  
Just a / preacher me and the / rain,  
/ A / E / B7 - E  
To / sing one last re - / frain for / Rueben James.

/ A / D  
Rueben / James you still walk the fertile fields of my / mind,  
/ A  
Faded / shirt weathered brow,  
/ E  
Calloused / hands upon the plow  
/ D / E  
Loved you / then and I love you now Rueben / James.

Repeat Chorus and fade out.