

## Reuben James    Kenny Rogers

Hear this song at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ShwWisRlyMo> (play along in this key)

Reuben [E7] James in my [B7] song you live a[E7]gain  
And the [A] phrases that I [E7] rhyme are just the [B7] footsteps out of [E7] time  
From the [A] time when I [E7] knew you [B7] Reuben [E7] James

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All the folks around Madison [B7] County cussed your [E7] name  
Just a [A] no-account sharecropping [E7] coloured man  
That would [B7] steal anything he [E7] can  
And [A] everybody laid the [E7] blame on [B7] Reuben [E7] James

Chorus

Reuben [A] James you still walk the furrowed fields of my [E7] mind  
The faded [A] shirt the weathered brow the calloused [E7] hands upon the plough  
I loved you [D] then and I love you now Reuben [E7] James

Flora [E7] Grey    The gossip of Madison [B7] County died with [E7] child  
And al[A]though your skin was [E7] black  
You were the [B7] one that didn't turn your [E7] back  
On the [A] hungry white child with [E7] no name [B7] Reuben [E7] James

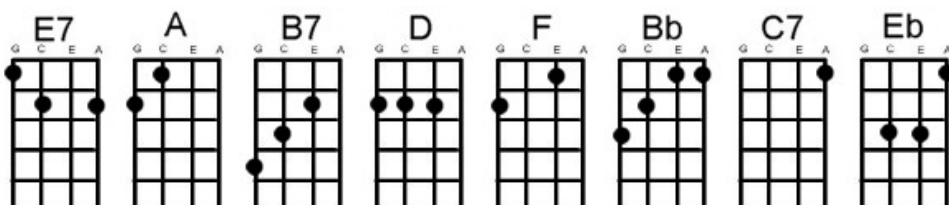
Reuben [E7] James    With your mind on my soul  
And a [B7] Bible in your right [E7] hand  
You said [A] turn the other [E7] cheek  
There's a [B7] better world awaitin' for the [E7] meek  
In my [A] mind these words re[E7]main from [B7] Reuben [E7] James

Chorus

Reuben [F] James

One dark cloudy day they [C7] brought you from the [F] field  
And to your [Bb] lonely pine box [F] came  
Just a [C7] preacher and me and the [F] rain  
Just to [Bb] sing one last re[F]frain for [C7] Reuben [F] James

Reuben [Bb] James you still walk the furrowed fields of my [F] mind  
The faded [Bb] shirt the weathered brow  
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