

**(SINKING OF THE) REUBEN JAMES**(BAR)-w.Woody Guthrie  
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**Intro:** | | | | | (X2)

**Have you heard of the ship called the      good      Reuben James?**  
**One hundred men went down to their dark and watery graves**  
**It was there in the dark,      on that cold and watery night**

**Run by hard fighting men,      both of honor      and of fame**  
**When that good ship went down, only forty-four were saved**  
**That they watched for the U-boats, and they waited      for a fight**

**She flew the Stars and Stripes of the land      of the free**  
**T'was the last of Oc-tober, they saved      forty-four**  
**Then a whine, and a rock, and a great explosion's roar**

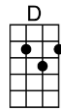
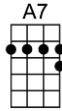
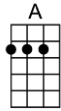
**But tonight she's in her grave at the bottom      of the sea      (refrain and 2nd verse)**  
**From the dark, icy waters of that cold Iceland shore      (refrain and 3rd verse)**  
**They lay the Reuben James on the cold      ocean floor      (refrain, instrumental verse, then go on)**

**Refrain:**

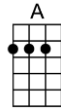
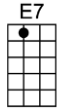
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**Did you have a friend on the good Reuben James?**

**p.2. Reuben James**

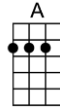
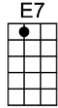
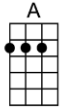


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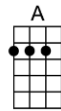
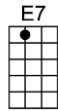


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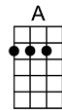
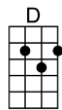
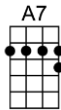
**Instrumental verse**



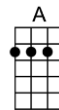
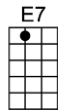
**Many years have passed, since those brave men are gone**



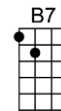
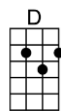
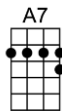
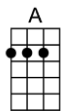
**Those cold, icy waters, they're still, and they're calm**



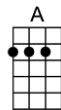
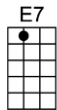
**Many years have passed, and still I wonder why**



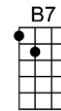
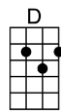
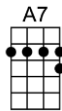
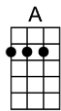
**The worst of men must fight, and the best of men must die!**



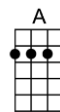
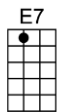
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**Did you have a friend on the good Reuben James? (repeat last line)**