

**Chad Mitchell Trio****"The Sinking Of The Good Reuben James"**

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"Singing Our Minds/Reflecting"

C G7 C

Have you heard of the ship called the good Rueben  
James?

G7 C

Armed by hard-fighting men both of honor and of  
fame.

F C

She flew the Stars And Stripes of the land of the free.

G7 C

But tonight she's in her grave at the bottom of the sea.

[Chorus:]

C F

Tell me what were their names. Tell me what were their  
names.

G7 C

Did you have a friend on the good Rueben James?

F

Tell me what were their names. Tell me what were their  
names.

G7 C

Did you have a friend on the good Rueben James?

One hundred men went down to their dark and watery grave.

When that good ship was sunk, only forty-four were saved.

T'was the last day of October when they saved the forty-four

From the dark, icy waters by that cold Iceland shore.

[Chorus]

It was there in the dark of that uncertain night.

That we watched o'er a U-boat, and waited for a fight.

Then the mighty ship was struck, and a great explosion roared,

And they laid the Rueben James on the cold ocean floor.

[Chorus]

[Banjo solo]

We-ll, many years have passed since those brave men are gone.

And those cold, icy waters are sti-ll and they're calm.

Many years have passed, but still I wonder why

The worst of men must fight, and the best of men must die.

[Chorus] twice to finish

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