

# No Ruben

## Ruben Studdard

Yeah man, these folks think  
Just 'cause I won some American Idol show  
Everything ain't the same Man you know they see me on TV  
Or up in the crib every week  
And you think everything is all good  
I mean, it really is all good man, keep secure From hangin' out late in the Elma  
To Beverly Hills, California  
From heatin' up the leftovers  
To becomin' a restaurant owner From a little block, from a little hood  
To the whole world and it's all good  
And if ya didn't know  
I was a star before the show but if it was No block, no Ruben  
No hood, no Ruben  
No boulevards, no Ruben  
No corner spots, no Ruben No stayin' up late nights  
Tellin' mama everything gone be alright  
And if it was no you  
There would be no Ruben From wearin' my big brother's clothes  
To buyin' him a new wardrobe  
From listenin' to Fred Hammond  
To hangin' out with Fred Hammond From a little block from a little hood  
To the whole world and it's all good  
And if ya didn't know  
I was a star before the show but if it was No block, no Ruben  
No hood, no Ruben  
No boulevards, no Ruben  
No corner spots, no Ruben No stayin' up late nights  
Tellin' mama everything gone be alright  
And if it was no you  
There would be no Ruben This goes out to the barbershops  
The black man's country club  
And this goes out to the single mothers  
At the laundry mat foldin' the covers You're my inspiration  
And you've been my motivation  
And that's why  
I had to do this dedication 'cause if it was No block, no Ruben  
No hood, no Ruben  
No boulevards, no Ruben  
No corner spots, no Ruben No stayin' up late nights

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There would be no RubenNo block, no Ruben  
No hood and no Ruben  
No boulevards, no Ruben  
No corner spots, no RubenNo stayin' up late nights  
Tellin' mama everything gone be alright  
And if it was no you  
There would be no RubenHey Ruben let's take 'em to churchIf it wasn't for the block, no Ruben  
If it wasn't for the hood, no Ruben  
If it wasn't for the boulevards, no Ruben  
And and the corner spots, no RubenStayin' up late nights  
Tellin' mama everything gone be all right  
And if it was for you there would be  
There would be, no RubenHey man I don't think they heard you  
Ruben let's take them to churchIf it wasn't for the block, I said no Ruben  
If it wasn't for the hood, no Ruben  
If it wasn't for the boulevards, no Ruben  
And and the corner spots, no RubenStayin' up late nights  
Tellin' mama everything gone be all right  
Let it be, let it be, no Ruben

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