## **Dante's Inferno**

## **Iced Earth**

Through the fiery caverns we sail

Virgil at my side my guide and master

Questing through the nine plains of hell

Infernal wisdom shall fill my soul

Slowly now the days departing

The darkened air releases me

Frightening visions of my journey

Entrance me to limbo I'm not

FreeAbandon all hope who enter here

Enter the gates, charon awaits Abandon all hope who enter here

For this is where all things are left behind

Every doubt and every cowardice must die

Souls of rage and anger whipping in despairThe souls that wail on this plain pray for death

Denial is the reason for their suffering

Forever being stung by wasps and demons breath

The blood and tears that fall serve the maggots needDescention, thrusting to the second plain

Minos judges as his tail twines

Lustful thoughts and greed whip these wretched souls

A hurricane of hate mocks their helpless pleasDrifting now down deeper, into eternal flames

Awake at the third circle, the cold and filthy rain

Punished for their gluttony, languid for all time

The earth it stinks of corpses, damned for all time

The vicious beast cerebus, three heads, blooded eyes

Tears his talons through the air, all the skinners cryDown, be still thy cursed wolf

The master scorns its name

Dive to the next plain

The sullen and the vain

Suffer for greed

The prodigal they bleed

For all eternity

Plutus holds the keyDamned, the wrathful and the vain

Suffer the fifth plain

Cross the river styx

Heed your crucifix

The mudded corpses cry

Howling to the sky

Reach the other side

Open wide the gatesEnter the sixth circle of barren land and flames

Passing through the gate of dis the furies scream her name

Belching forth in agony invoking her to rise The spirit's rage consuming us the evil in their cries Queen of vipers, queen of serpents

Cast their souls to stone

Spread to wealth of gorgon's power

Medusa's inner soulWe're drawing ever closer to the seventh hell

They violate their neighbors, their god and themselves

We're sailing slowly through the boiling river of blood

Immersed in the depths below souls scream in agony

The twisted beast he laughs, he draws his arrow back

His sights on anyone exposing of their flesh

He impales their hearts with ease

And shrugs their piercing screams

Pity is they'll never die

They'll suffer here eternallyImagine a place where every horror comes to life

Where every torture is real and time stands still

Eight fiery steps and we're closer to the endIn a cold and timeless grave buried head first in shit

Praying all the while for a quick & painless death

Scratching furiously at scabbed and oozing woundsLucifer... angel of light

Cast below god of ice

Ruling hell unholy trinity

The traitors freeze for all eternity

Lucifer... betrayer of god

Tormentor ruthless and cold

Judas' screaming here in agony

The traitors freeze for all eternity

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