## 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
Free

Abandon 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 despair

The 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 need

Descention, 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 pleas

Drifting 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 sinners cry

Down, 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 key

Damned, 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 gate

Enter 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 soul

We'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 eternally

Imagine 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 end

In 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 wounds

Lucifer... 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