

# Mercyful Fate, Thirteen Invitations

(Music & Lyrics by King Diamond)

The mansion was right on the shore  
Down by the lake  
Nobody had lived here before  
But the Devil himself

Thirteen invitations  
Sent out through the night  
Thirteen invitations  
They would all arrive in time

Solo: Shermann

They gathered around the mansion  
Thirteen in all  
They had the same intention  
Never to fall

Thirteen invitations  
Sent out through the night  
Thirteen invitations  
Promising eternal life

So you want to be alive forevermore  
I will turn the wheel of time  
None of you will ever have to die  
I will turn the wheel of time  
Turning the wheel  
Turning the wheel of time

But first we must play a game  
The game of souls  
Sit down! Don't move around!  
Deal those cards!

They played all night 'till the morning  
light  
And the Devil, he smiled on his own  
They played all night for eternal life  
Or the chance of losing their souls

High will win, low is the sin

They played all night in the burning  
light  
The thirteen were sharing a nine

High will win, low is the sin

The final card was in the Devil's hand  
The King of Diamonds would win

Solo: Denner  
Solo: Shermann

They could never leave the mansion  
Forever inside  
They had lost their souls of creation  
But they were alive

Thirteen invitations  
Sent out through the night  
Thirteen invitations

And the mansion was mine