

BUDDHA WALKS

CHORUS 1: A PRINCELY LIFE



The King had three palaces built, each in a different part of the kingdom, so that his son would not become bored. One for the cold season, one for the hot, and one for the season of the rains. He had lotus pools made--in one pool blue lotuses, in another red, in another white--all for his son's sake. Night and day, a white parasol was held over him so that he should not be touched by cold or heat, by dust or weeds or dew.

The young Prince spent all his time in luxury, wandering huge gardens filled with fragrant flowering plants, his feet touching only soft pathways. Gardeners kept busy night and day, removing any sign of dying leaf or aging plant.

Beautiful servants--none with a single blemish in physical appearance--attended to young Siddhartha's every need: bathing him in warm pools, feeding him only the most succulent foods, dressing him in the finest cloth, and carrying him everywhere he traveled. They surrounded him with dancing, singing, poetry, music and engaged him in exciting sports and games of every kind.