

# **BUDDHA WALKS**

## **CHORUS 2: WHO WILL BE CHOSEN?**



It is said that no fewer than 500 families--from throughout the Sakya kingdom and neighboring kingdoms as well--prepared their most talented and beautiful daughters to appear before the young Prince.

No expense was spared as each maiden sought to present herself to full advantage. New saris--one more delicate than the next--were fashioned of finest Persian and Indian cloth. Exotic perfumes were bought from the Orient traders. Family emeralds, sapphires, and rubies were brought forth to adorn their necks, belt their waists, and dangle from their ears.

Carried by servants, they arrived at the palace, and came before the King's court walking barefoot, standing straight as statues, each moving like a dancer with a slow and graceful gait. Their hands and feet hennaed red, lips glossed and shining--a bright or golden bindi lacquered on every young maiden's brow. Their long, black hair braided and bound, long lashes and coal dark eyes lowered as they stood at last before the magnificent Prince's gaze.