

BUDDHA WALKS

CHORUS 4: THE ROYAL WEDDING



Seven days and seven nights their wedding festival would run: the carpet spread, the golden throne set, the sweet cakes baked, the marriage garlands hung.

All across the land, King Suddhodana gave great gifts to the Brahmins, sages, and holy men. He gave alms aplenty to the needy and the poor. Temple offerings were made in the name of the bride and groom as mantras were chanted to all the Vedic gods.

Three times, bride and groom were to take seven steps each around the fire to pledge their love. They were to tie their wedding garments together, sing songs and dance to the blowing of trumpets. Then pour pearls and perfume over each other from dusk until the first golden light of dawn.