

Chapter 5

The Prince's Wedding

The King was worried about the Prince's suffering because of his mother's death. He tried to cheer him up by turning his thoughts toward other directions. The Prince was already 18 years old.

"You should marry a princess soon," said the King.

Prince Siddhartha, however, had no intention of marrying. But because of his father's strong recommendation, he married Princess Yashodhara. Another reason he decided to marry the beautiful and warm-hearted Yashodhara was that she was Queen Maya's niece. The Prince felt peaceful and calm when he was with the Princess. He felt as if he was with his mother. Embraced with her beauty and tenderness, he was happy and forgot his loneliness. Yashodhara was an ideal princess. Soon they were expecting a baby.

They were so happy!

