

UPC Buddha



In the full of summer, he seems diminished by the surrounding greens of asparagus, day lily, pachysandra, hollyhock. Solid concrete purchased at a garden supply store made smaller by cellulose and photosynthesis. He is a copy of a copy of a copy like the product of a machine endlessly printing the same page. A UPC for Buddha, a price tag for Buddha, a commercial birth. Where to merchandise Buddha in the store? These plants were purchased as well but they come back differently each year. Sometimes stronger, greener, shorter. Sometimes not all. But concrete changes unnoticeably.