Taking a Tumble

By B. J. Lee

When, at night,
I fall asleep
and into dreamland
tumble deep,
I see a ladder
in the sky.
I go to it
but when I try
to climb down, it
becomes a wall
that's slick and steep.
I scrabble, crawl.
I see a chasm
down below.
and slowly toppling,
down
I
go.
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   b. He climbs up a ladder into the clouds.
   c. He is on a ladder that disappears, causing him to fall.
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