

# The China Stairs

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they're more like lad-

ders between stories

atthetopofwhich you've got to

jump

to a narrowcrawlspac

which

if you're

lucky

leads to a ledge

outside

fromwhich

it's no troubleatall to jump &

fly

& glide down to the thinstrandof canal

right

upto where water laps

the wide steps of the temple

walk in &

watch the amplelight fallinto

shallowpools

where gods reside