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THE DREAMWALKER

As a child I heard of a boy
who sleepwalked. Finding him gone,
his father tracked him in snow
to the barn where he slept
deep in a warm hay mound.

For years, I feared for that boy,
saying prayers for him before I slept,
asking he never wander too far
from his soft protecting bed.

Then I'd sleep and dream
myself walking, lost in a snowless land,
with ground too hard to leave a print
& no one awake to come searching.