Operation Unicorn: Notice from the Department of Taboos

Properly in poetry one may not speak
certain words though we permit
one Howl plus deepthroat thrusts of romance
heroines who must, by penetration, want it.

These words are all girl:
  sherbet
  unicorn
  swirl

Even pretty is suspect, & glitter,
sharp dentals sparking like sequins.
And magic is a bit...
ordinary.

Kaleidoscope, overexposed.
We prefer scaffolding,
sewer, cinder. Severity
of snowmelt, gray city,
greyed air. Yes,
we strongly suggest
vocabularies aligned
with these frameworks.

& oh lil miss,
please to resist
shimmering
or pink.