

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*.