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# There's no such thing as Unicorns

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The American Dream is a unicorn,  
shimmering and shining  
and just as make-believe.

A mirage in the desert  
wavering in the heat  
of never ending

slavery. Moving forward,  
because that is direction  
everyone ought to be going.

Running the rat race,  
yet the cheese  
at the end of the

maze is moldy.  
Puppets without  
voice boxes.

Screaming—  
But no one can hear  
over the noise

of progress.

One more promotion,  
one more useless

gadget that will make  
our lives complete  
and fulfill our

cankerous need  
to consume.  
Without realizing

we are being  
digested  
becoming

dried up husks  
with no  
identity to call our own.