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Auden said art is analogous to life but can never be what it represents; thus, the artist controls the image's identity, which is a counterfeit, as opposed to an authentic replication of reality.

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