

**Mystic Owl**  
(reply to Thelma Palmer)

Can the word sunset  
rob beauty from the twilight sky.

Can reading an O'Keeffean biography  
diminish the power of her flowers.

Doesn't satisfying these curiosities  
create greater thirsts.

Doesn't analysis ultimately end  
in greater mysteries.

An owl analyzed  
still glows when illuminated by the summer moon.

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