

## **Evanescent**

### Merriam-Webster Definition

: tending to vanish like vapor

### At play

Marla stood in the deep woods, leaves and moss and rich earth surrounding her. Light filtered down from above, **evanescent** as it shifted and changed like a mirage through the canopy above her. She had been walking for hours, delving ever deeper. What had begun as an escape from her family, a simple quiet walk in the woods, had become a commitment. She'd plunged into the woods impulsively, and now wasn't sure which way she had come. At first that feeling of disappearance was appealing. Here was her own private place. She had rushed in to get as far away as possible from her aggressive relatives, but then had slowed and moved at an even pace. She had inhaled the moist cool air, heard the creaking of the trees as they swayed in the wind. And in the rustle of the undergrowth, she had half-expected a fairy to appear or some other wondrous creature. The effect was magical. But now the light was evaporating and she was lost. A screech of a bird alarmed her, and the cocoon of the heavy trees was closing in on her.