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glowing: softly bright or warm. *The glowing embers kept the room warm long after the fire went out.*

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luminous, sparkling, dazzling, gleaming.