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re·ca·les·cence  (rē'kə-lěs əns)

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n.
A sudden glowing in a cooling metal caused by liberation of the latent heat of transformation.

[From Latin *recalēscēns*, *recalēscēt-*, present participle of *recalēscere*, to grow warm again : *re-*, *re-* + *calēscere*, to become warm, inchoative of *calēre*, to be warm; see *kelə*-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

re'ca·les cent *adj.*

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