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"Niagra" Cinquain Poem by Adelaide Crapsey

Directions: Cinquains were created by a woman named Adelaide Crapsey. Cinquains have 5 lines. There are 2 syllables in the first line, 4 syllables in the second, 6 syllables in the third, 8 syllables in the fourth line, and only 2 syllables in the last line. Read the cinquain below and answer the questions.

Cinquain: "Niagra"

How frail
Above the bulk
Of crashing water hangs,
Autumnal, evanescent, wan,
The moon.

1. Define these words:

autumnal: _____

evanescent: _____

wan: _____

2. Draw an image inspired by the cinquain.

3. Why is this poem called "Niagra?"

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