The Poems Of Phillis Wheatley

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Phillis Wheatley was abducted from her home in Africa at the age of 7 in 1753 and taken by ship to America, where she ended up as the property of one John Wheatley, of Boston. She took the surname of this man, as was the tradition, but her first name came from the slave ship The Phillis, which brought her to America. During her time with the Wheatley family Phillis showed a keen talent for learning and was soon proficient in English. At the age of 14 she published her first poem in a local newspaper and went on to publish books and pamphlets. In 1773 Poems of Various Subjects, Religious and Moral, also spelled Phyllis and Wheatly (c. 1753 – December 5, 1784) was the first published African-American female poet. Born in West Africa, she was sold into slavery at the age of seven or eight and transported to North America. She was purchased by the Wheatley family of Boston, who taught her to read and write and encouraged her poetry when they saw her talent. About Phillis Wheatley: Poems Poem Text Phillis Wheatley: Poems Summary Character List Glossary Themes Quotes Analysis Symbols, Allegory and Motifs Literary Elements Essay Questions. Written by Timothy Sexton. A young girl of maybe seven or eight was kidnapped from her home in West Africa, forced to sail across the Atlantic Ocean in a slave ship named the Phillis and bought for a pittance at an auction in Boston by