



# Phillis Wheatley

1753-1784

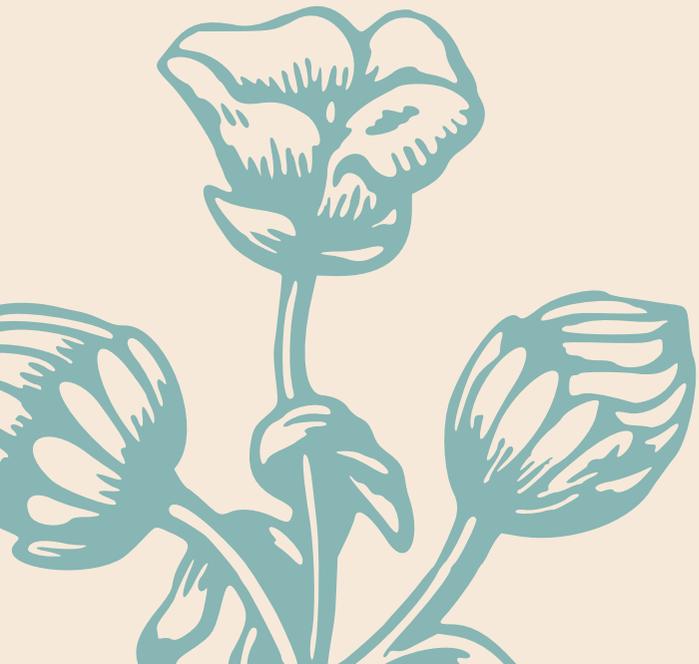
Phillis Wheatley was born in  
Gambia Africa



# Childhood

When she was 7 or 8 years old she was kidnapped and sold into slavery. She got her name Phillis because the boat she was brought on was called The Phillis. She was bought by the Wheatley family in Boston Massachusetts.

# Her poems



#1

An Elegiac Poem on the Death of  
the Celebrated Divine George  
Whitefield

#2

On Messers. Hussein and Coffin

#3

His Excellency General Washington



Phillis  
Wheatley had  
a husband  
and 3 children  
but none of  
her children  
survived

# Genre

## CHRISTIANITY

She would often write about Christianity

## CLASSISM

She used this to depict the relationship she had between her and her patrons

## SOLAR WORSHIP

The worship of sun gods is part of her culture

To the Right Honourable WILLIAM, Earl of DARTMOUTH, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for North-America, &c.

H A I L, happy day, when, smiling like the morn,

Fair *Freedom* rose *New-England* to adorn :

The northern clime beneath her genial ray,

*Dartmouth*, congratulates thy blifsful fway :

Elate with hope her race no longer mourns, 5

Each foul expands, each grateful bosom burns,

While in thine hand with pleasure we behold

The filken reins, and *Freedom's* charms unfold.

Long loft to realms beneath the northern skies

She shines supreme, while hated *faction* dies : 10

Soon as appear'd the *Goddeſs* long defir'd,

Sick at the view, ſhe languish'd and expir'd ;

Thus from the ſplendors of the morning light

The owl in ſadneſs ſeeks the caves of night.



That there's a God  
that there's a Savior  
too

PHILLIS WHEATLEY