

"On Being Brought from Africa to America" (1773)

Phillis Wheatley

Tw'as mercy brought me from my *Pagan* land,
Taught my benighted soul to understand
That there's a God, that there's a *Saviour* too:
Once I redemption neither sought nor knew.
Some view our sable race with scornful eye.
"Their color is a diabolic dye."
Remember, *Christians*, *Negroes*, black as *Cain*,
May be refined, and join the angelic train.

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