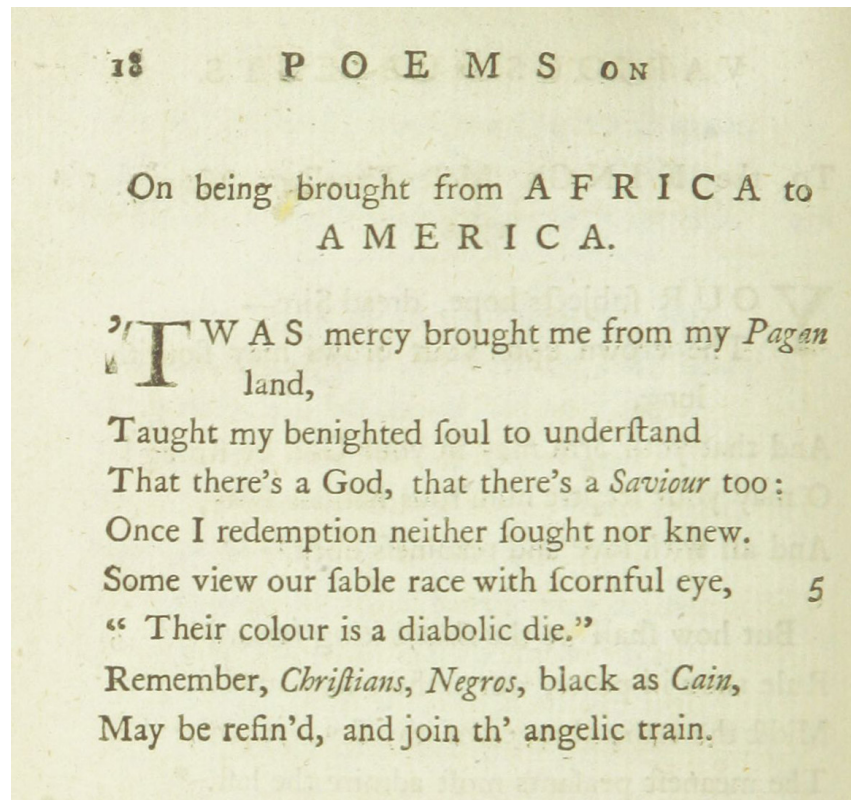


Phillis Wheatley, On Being Brought from Africa to America (1773)

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 colour is a diabolic die."
Remember, *Christians*, *Negros*, black as *Cain*,
May be refin'd, and join th' angelic train.



As the poem appeared in its original 1773 published edition in London (British Library)