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The poetess has made a very interesting choice of words by using the words such as “sable” which is kind of a description of her color, “Diabolic die” which means a side of triangle trade which includes slaves in the bottom, “angelic train” refers to both black and whites. Phillis Wheatley in her poem “On Being Brought from Africa to America” actually describes herself as a teacher and a preacher and at times also a mistress and a master. Each line of the poem rhymes with the next one and thus the pattern of aabbccdd is formed. The first three sentences: “ ‘TWAS mercy brought me from my Pagan land, Taught my benighted soul to understand, that there’s a God, that there’s a Savior too” are interesting because the first line which depicts the poetess’ past, the second line reflects her present and the third line reflects her future.

A reader’s heart is filled with pain while reading the poem but the poetess is majorly depicting the positivity that has arrived in her life as a result of coming into contact with Christianity which would not have been possible without coming to America.