

Haikus Inspired by Phillis Wheatley's Poetry: by Amy Finegold

Phillis Wheatley

Strength of heart and mind
Poetry led to freedom
She fulfilled her dream

Emotions

Emotions run deep
Feelings fill me up inside
Rising to greet me

Imagine

Fly free and breathe in
Take my hand and don't let go
Life can be a dream

This is the excerpt of a letter I wrote to Phillis Wheatley as if she was alive today. She would have been an inspirational speaker. Her poetry and values helped her to survive and thrive.

Finegold

Amy

Dear Ms. Wheatley,

Congratulations on the publication of your poetry. I am particularly fond of your poem "On Imagination" and how your words fly as if they are on wings of a bird. I imagine you on top of the bird flying to a new place and time. It led me to writing my own poems about wonder and flight. I am a new writer, but I have taught children for many years. I enjoy watching them create ways to express themselves through speaking, writing, and art. How did you come up with the poem "On Imagination?"

Sincerely,

Ms. Amy Finegold