Explore Word Gaps: Phillis Wheatley Poems

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Task: Read the two Phillis Wheatley poems featured in Teaching American History, and then use the graphic organizer below to practice the reading comprehension strategy, "Explore Word Gaps".

Instructions:

1. Read Phillis Wheatley's poems.
2. As you read, collect word gaps in the first column of the table below.
3. Once you've finished reading, fill out the rest of the table using the questions to guide you.

Title of Text:		
Word Gaps *As you read, write down words that you don't know here:*	**Definitions** *Use a reliable source to define these terms in the context of the reading:*	**Patterns** *As you look at these words, do any topics or ideas connect them? What is the tone of these words?*

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Analysis Look at the information you've amassed. What do these specific words tell you about what the writer is trying to say about the topic? Explain:

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