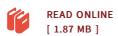# A Voice of Her Own Candlewick Biographies The Story of Phillis Wheatley, Slave Poet

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