

ABSTRACT

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When I read some literary works; poems or novel, etc., I will find the words or phrases which symbolize something. The author of literary works used a symbol to convey a certain meaning. Symbol serves as a shorthand system for some information. In literature, symbol often used to represents a moral, religion belief, myth or value, etc. Because of this reason, the researcher decided to compose research about symbol.

This research has purposes to find out, to analyze and describe the symbols of love that found in William Butler Yeats' selected poems. Besides, this research also composed to analyze and describe how the symbols are related to the four phases of symbol theory by Northrop Frye in William Butler Yeats' selected poems. This research used *Descriptive Method*. This method enable to analyze the symbols by picturing and describing it based on the facts which already available. The data was taken from a book; '*William Butler Yeats Poems*' which contain of all poems by W.B. Yeats.

This research used Qualitative Data Analysis which enables to analyze the data that have been collected. Based on *Collaborative Group Analysis of Data* by McDrury, there are three steps to analyzing the data. First is recognizing the symbol. The second is categorizing the symbol. The third is identifying the symbol. Besides, the researcher used Frye's theory of symbol which divided symbol into four phases. They are Literal and Descriptive phase, Formal Phase, Mythical phase, and Anagogic phase.

Finally, the researcher found that there are eleven symbols in W.B. Yeats' ten poems. They are *angels, vow, soul, dove, white woman, ignorance, eye, joy, warm heart, we were so much at one and broke my heart*. The researcher also found that all of symbols were fit in the first phase theory of symbol by Frye. Then, there were only six symbols which fit in the second phase. There were also six symbols which fit in the third phase. Meanwhile, in the last phase there were only two symbols which fit in it.

The researcher recommends the others who have an interest in this topic to discuss about the other thing which found in this research. It is the using of metaphor in these poems. During the processing of this research, the researcher also found the metaphor elements in those poems. It will be an interesting topic to discuss.