

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This chapter talks about the discussion of background of research, statement of problems, research objectives, research significances, definition of key terms, and organization of writing.

#### **Background of Research**

Literature is form of human creation and product of their creativity. As a thinking animal human have ability to creatively create a reflection of himself. The literature describe everything that happened in human civilization. Literature exist a long time ago and people use literature as tools of many purpose, whether it politic, culture, religion, entertainment, or personal.

Human use literature to find their true self. Know more about himself. Understanding that his identity as living being and creation of God. The literature manifested into place of hermitage and a place to get closer to God. Expressing the needs to communicate with God. As human needs guidance from God so they will not lose a way and fall to sinful and sorrowful life. Understanding himself as social being. That human living among other. Expressing everyday reality that author and other feel. Description of daily life of society. And the last, understanding himself as an individual. No matter how socialized the human is, human also individual being. They need time and moment to take care for himself. Temporarily need a time to be alone. Understanding his own feeling and

his own emotion. Speaking to himself. Communicating his own thought. That is all what literature reflected about human life.

Literature contained some expression or utterance of something that the purpose is interested to the people. People can accepted literature when the literature is had interesting language or unique language. Literature is considered as the expression of beautiful thought, ideas in beautiful language or glamorous language. Literature from Latin “litterae” (plural) letter is the art of written work (Iftanti, 2014). Some experts have different opinions on their definition about literature related to the time and social condition. Those different opinions are caused by the complexities of the literature over as the life. (Jones, 1968) states literature is simply another we get experience the world around us through our imagination. Meanwhile, Hornby (2000), explains literature is writing that are valued as works of art, especially fiction, 10 drama, and poetry. Another definition of literature is defined by Wellek and Warren (1956) literature is creativity an art. And the last definition was stated by Stanford (2003) defined that literature is way to find the beauty of words of great writers.

By having some definitions above, it can be concluded that literature has been regarded as profound human creation to express ideas, or thoughts. It also been regarded as a human treasure. Literature has some benefit such as, when someone reading literature, they can know many knowledge and vocabulary

There are 4 functions of literature. First as recreative which give the listener and reader entertainment. Providing a fresh enjoyment and excitement to refresh their life after exhausting work (Didipu, 2013). The way of escapism from

this cruel world but real one. Second as education. Literature able to teach people without people feel being thought. Literature taught people valuable life lesson, an inspiring story, and attitude. Third as aesthetic. Literature contain beautified language. Ignores the laws of language logic and ascending into infinite imajination as long as it make unimagivable beauty. Forth as religius. Literature contain religious teaching that throught literature can taught the right path that blessed by Allah without any force (Bressler, 1999).

As far as we know, song is a part of literature. Song is a composition for voice performed by singing or along side musical instruments. According to Hornby (2000), song is a piece of music with words that is sung. A song is a composition made up of lyrics and music, with the intent of the lyrics being sung, for the purpose of producing a proportionate feeling or emotion in relation to a particular matter. Guerra (2016) In Cambridge Dictionary Third edition, “song is a usually short piece of music with words which are sung”. Meanwhile in Oxford Learner’s Pocket Dictionary, “it is explained that song is a piece of music with words that is sung or music for the voice singing”. From Wikipedia, a song is an artistic form of expression based on sound, generally considered a single (and often standalone) work of music with distinct and fixed pitches, pattern, and form. The word of song are typically of a poetic, rhyming nature, although they may be religious verses or free prose. (Oxford, 2008)

Everyone enjoys song whether we realize or not, songs have become part of our life. Some people think that song can be source of business. Songs appear almost every day in our life whether it is accidentally or in purpose. Song lyrics

are an expression of someone about something that has been seen, heard or experienced. And sometimes, people find it difficult to understand what composer/ song writer means in a song, because what it says on the lyrics is not always shows the literal meaning. The composer usually put the meaning implicitly or hidden. In the attempt to understand the meaning of what composer means in the song, a further knowledge is needed.

A song is a composition of voice performed by a singer or by musical instrument. Through song, people can convey his voice to many people, so that people can know his feelings and idea. Currently, many songs can express our feelings, such as song with theme of love, social, political and others. Reflection of their daily life.

The song which sang by man who owned complete name Harry Edward Style born in Cheschire, England on Febuary 1<sup>st</sup> 1994. May be reflection of his daily life. His own feeling and mind as individual being who must understand the condition of him self. Also his song may be reflection of his daily life as social being that describe his relation to other people around him. That is how literature reflecting people life.

His song is an entertainment for them who exhausted. His music topping the album charts in several countries, including the United Kingdom, United States and Australia. Other singles from the album include "*Two Ghost*". The album received very favorable reviews from critics, and was included in the list of best albums of 2017 by several print media (Libby Torres, 2021).

Literature is not a scientific work. Our ancestor used to tell story of war in epic poetry. Describe how fierce and heroic the war is by describing their warrior powerful strength. Tell the story of magical creature the ancestor believe by folklore that might not even exist. Tell the story of eternal love by romantic poetry that may rare to see in real life. Literature use an art of language to attract listener. A beautiful language that far from logic. Language that impossible to describe a thing because literature doesn't care about logic. Literature language able to penetrate the boundaries of natural and world laws. even able to describe the most absurd of things. You can pick the moon and give it to someone you love, or even lift the mountain even it does not make any sense. That is why literature have so many variation of language.

The most important factor in literature is language. People need language to communicate, to interact, and to get information from others. The message in literature can not be delivered without language. According to Harmer (2006), states that language is used widely for communication between people who do not share the same first (or even second) language. It means that language can be a primary necessity in human life. It has a big role for every people in making good relationship with others.

Hornby (2000), states that language is a human and non-intensive method of communicating ideas, feelings, and desires by means of a system of sounds and sound symbols. The language may represent the explicit and implicit feelings and thoughts. It can also be described as a vehicle of thought, because through language people can share or deliver what put in mind.

In learning and understanding language, people do not only understand the form of language, but also the meaning in it. There are many ways people do in delivering their idea to other people so that people can understand and catch the meaning of idea up. One of the ways that can be used is by song. Many people figure out their ideas and feeling into a song.

Because the language in literature is illogical. Language in literature contain so many figurative language. The Figurative language is a part of semantic. This research analyzed the figurative language used in the Harry Style's song lyrics. Lyrics are words that make up a song usually consisting of verses and choruses. The writer of lyrics is a lyricist. The words to an extended musical composition such as an opera are, however, usually known as a "libretto" and their writer, as a "librettist". The meaning of lyrics can either be explicit or implicit. Some lyrics are abstract, almost unintelligible, and, in such cases, their explication emphasizes form, articulation, meter, and symmetry of expression. Rappers can also create lyrics with a variation of rhyming words or words that create and tell a story or song. In Cambridge Dictionary Third Edition, lyric is a short poem which expresses the personal thoughts and feelings of the person who wrote it. Lyric can also interpreted as written words created specifically for music or for which music is specifically created. Stanford (2003) states the word lyrics come from the lyre, the Greek instrument used for musical accompaniment of poetry, which was often sung or chanted. Although a lyric poem may depict an out war action, it generally focuses on inward reaction, insight, or responses. Meanwhile, Hornby (2000), defines lyric is expressing the writer's feelings. Lyric is made to express deep

emotion of the writer. The other definition lyrics are the written words in a song. Lyrics can be written during composition of a song or after the accompanying music is composed. Wallace (2011) Lyric can also interpreted as written words created specifically for music or for which music is specifically created. To produce a good lyric of song, the author compose beautiful lyric, the lyric of song usually use implicit or explicit meaning to get result desired. Relating to song, lyric is song words or the words of song. From the definitions of lyric above, the researcher can explain that a lyric is designed to be sung by the human voice and heard with music.

The aims of this research are to find out the figurative languages used in the song lyrics and to analyze the contextual meaning of figurative language used in that song. It is expected the result of this study will be useful for the reader especially in knowing what figurative language is and what kinds of figurative language are. Figurative language is language that uses words or expressions with a meaning that is different from the literal interpretation. Figurative language is rarely used in our daily conversation. Figurative language is often found in literary works, such as: articles in newspaper, advertisements, novels, poems, music, etc. Figurative language is the use of words that go beyond their ordinary meaning. It requires you to use your imagination to figure out the author's meaning. Figurative language is commonly used in literary works, such as: poem, prose and nonfiction writing as well.

According to Zaenuddin (1992) figurative language is the use of various languages which is used to express the idea of the speaker directly that uses

figures of speech, a way of saying something other than the literal meaning of the words. Beckson and Ganz (1975) state, Figurative language is language which makes us of certain devices called figure of speech, most of which are techniques for comparing dissimilar objects, to achieve effects beyond the range of literal language. The Websters New World College Dictionary (1996) explains that figurative speech is an expression (as metaphor or euphemism) that substitutes a variation of points of view by which things or notions which is referred to as if it is different in some ways (in identify, degree, shape) from what it actually is or seems to be but so related to the expression successfully implies an intended meaning of effect either or greatly different from what is utterly said. The other definition of figurative language is defined by Booth, et al., (2006) figurative language is language that creates imaginative connections between our ideas and our sense or that reveals striking similarities between things we had never associated before. Figurative language also can used to express feeling like express theme, ideas, and feeling of the author. Usually it is used in the situation and the condition of the fact. The author write the literary work using language as the instrument. Language can influence the reader and make the positive effect.

The figurative language consist of eleven types, they are. First Simile. Kennedy (1979), affirms that simile is comparison of two things, indicated by some connective, usually like, as, than or verb such as resembles. Generally, simile is defined as a type of figurative language that used to explain the resemblance of two objects (in shape, color, characteristic etc).



Second. Metaphor, The second type of figurative language is metaphor. It like simile that is to comparison but in metaphor does not use “as” or “like” to create the comparison. According to Kennedy (1979), affirms that metaphor is a statement that one thing is something else, which in a literal sense, it is not. It doesn't use connective words such as like or as.

Third Personification. It is a figure of speech in which a thing, an animal, or an abstract term (truth or nature) is made human, personification gives human characteristics to inanimate objects, animals, or ideas (Kennedy, 1979).

Forth Metonymy. According to Perrine (1978), metonymy is the use of something closely related for the thing actually meant. It is figure of speech which the name of one object is replaced by another which is closely associated with it.

Fifth Symbol. According to Diyanni (2004), symbol is any object or action that represents something beyond its literal self. An apple pie, for example, can represent an American Lifestyle. Natural symbols like light and darkness, fire and water can stand for contradictory things. The meaning of any symbol whether an object, an action, or a gesture, is controlled by its context. A symbol can be defined simply as any object or action that means more than it self.

The sixth Synecdoche. The Synecdoche is the use of part a thing to stand for the whole of it or vice versa (Kennedy, 1979). From the definition above a synecdoche is a figure of speech in which a part is used for the whole.

The seventh Paradox. The Paradox is statement which seems to contain two opposite facts but is or may be true (Oxford, 2008). Paradox occurs in a

statement that at first strikes us as self-contradictory but that on reflection make some sense (Kennedy, 1979)

The eighth Hyperbole. The Hyperbole Kennedy (1979) affirms hyperbole is emphasizing a point with statement containing exaggeration. It can be ridiculous or funny. Hyperboles can be added to fiction to add color and depth to a character. Hyperbole is figure of speech that it is intentional exaggeration overstatement, often for emphasis or vivid descriptive.

The ninth Oxymoron. Murthy (2003) affirms an oxymoron is a figure of speech which is used to express two contradictory qualities of the same thing. Oxymoron is when two words are put together that contradicts each other (opposite). The Litotes is opposite from hyperbole. It is kind of understatement where the speaker uses negative of a word ironically, to mean the opposite.

The tenth litotes. According Hornby (2000), litotes is expression of one's meaning by saying something is the direct opposite of one's thought, it to make someone's remarks forceful.

The eleventh Irony. The Irony has a meaning that extends beyond its use merely as a figure of speech. According to Diyyani (2004), irony almost arises from a contrast or discrepancy between what happens and what has been expected to happen.

A Song lyric usually consists of figurative language. Figurative language commonly applied in literary works. One of the literary works is song. There are some studies which have done by previous researchers. First by Khadijah Arifah (2016), *"FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE ANALYSIS IN FIVE JOHN LEGEND'S*

*SONG*". Her findings showed that there are figurative languages found John Legend's Song lyrics and described the contextual meaning of figurative language in the song.

Based on this problem reasearcher will conduct research with the title meaning analysis on "*FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE IN HARRY STYLE'S SONG LYRICS*".

### **Limitation of Problem**

This research will limit this research only to Figurative language theory with identification use semantic theory.

### **Formulation of Problem**

Based on the formulation above, it can be broken down to the research questions below:

- 1.1.1 What types of figurative languages are used in Harry Style's song?
- 1.1.2 How are the figurative languages used in Harry Style's song?

### **Research Objective**

Based on the research questions above, the purpose of the study are to:

- 1.1.3 Analyze types of figurative language used in Harry Style's song.
- 1.1.4 Explain how the figurative language used in Harry Style's song.

## **Reasearch Significance**

Theoritically, giving an understanding about figurative language analysis and giving reference to help their further research. Giving explanation and analysis of figurative language being used in Harry Style's song.

Practically, Giving understanding to reader how figurative language affect Harry Style's song also giving wide understanding to reader that figurative language give color to literature work so the work sound more beautiful. The reader will not interpreting the literature work as the textual meaning.

## **Definition of Key Term**

### **1.1.5 Figurative Language:**

Figurative language is wording that makes explicit comparisons between unlike things using figures of speech such as metaphors and similes (Risdianto, 2011).

### **1.1.6 Language:**

A system that is systematic, and maybe also generative. And language is also interpreted as symbols of man or symbols of arbitrators.

### **1.1.7 Meaning:**

Meaning is the relation of what it's refered and it's reference. The references of the meaning are the ideas inside of human thought.

### **1.1.8 Song:**

A poem that is pronounced according to a certain tone, rhythm, time, and melody to form harmony. The song is often also referred to as a song

which means the composition of tone or sound art in the sequence, combination, and temporal relationships usually accompanied by musical instruments to produce musical compositions that have composition and perfection using rhythm. And the range of rhythmic notes or sounds is also called songs.

### **1.1.9 Literature:**

a form and result of creative art work whose object is human and its life uses language as its medium.

## **1.2 Organizing of Writing**

### 1.2.1 Chapter 1:

as Introduction consists of background of the research, statements of the problem, research objective, research significance, and problem limitation.

### 1.2.2 Chapter 2:

as Conceptual Framework consists of the explanation about Structuralism, particularly in the concept of narrative structure.

### 1.2.3 Chapter 3:

as Research Method consists of the methods that are used by the researcher in arranging the research.

### 1.2.4 Chapter 4:

as Discussion consists of the explanation of the researcher about the analysis of the data using the theory which is mentioned in the conceptual framework.

### 1.2.5 Chapter 5:

as Closing consists of the suggestion from the researcher for the next research that will be held in the put.

