

## CHAPTER IV

### ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

In this chapter, researcher analyzes the data which have been taken from Demi Lovato's song lyrics by using the literature reviewed in chapter two. This chapter is divided into two sections, analysis and discussion. The data are divided into stanza and verse. This chapter will answer statement of the problems from chapter one, those are the figures of speech mostly used in Demi Lovato's song lyrics, how the figures of speech applied in Demi Lovato's song lyrics and the last is the reason Demi Lovato uses those figures of speech in her song.

#### 4.1 Kinds of Figures of Speech In "Skyscraper" and "Warrior"

##### 4.1.1 Symbol

This figures of speech has more meaning than what really it is (Perrine,1992:80). The word or sentence that contains this expression can be interpreted deeper than what has been written. The first symbol is from the song "Skyscraper"

Stanza 2 verse 2 :

*I'm made of glass*  
*I'm made of paper*

in this verse Demi lovato employs the symbols of *glass* and *paper* to convey Demi Lovato's emotion. From the verse above, it can be seen that she uses such symbols to attribute the characteristics of *glass* and *paper* to her self. *Glass* has some features as fragile, brittle and easily cracked. While, *paper* has certain features as thin, easy to tear up and vulnerable. By asserting these characteristics to herself,

Demi Lovato tries to describe how fragile, vulnerable her heart was when she became the object of bullying in the past. In her interview on Good Morning America (2011), Demi said how her past friends were often disrespect her. This disrespectful manner made her into a fragile and vulnerable person. Using these symbols, Demi Lovato intends to symbolize her heart to *glass* and *paper*.

Stanza 2 verse 3 :

*I'll be rising from the **ground***

In this verse, Demi Lovato uses *ground* as the symbol. A symbol is a thing that represents or stands for something else, especially to represent an abstract object. The word *ground* represents the earth's surface that is considered as the origin of life, in which creatures live and trees grow. Thus, it may imply that *ground* is the place where she could stand to find the balance between her life and her career. In (<http://hollywoodlife.com/celeb/demi-lovato/>), Demi Lovato explains:

“..... People that are probably watching this video right now are dealing with the issues that I had to and I hope to one day raise awareness of everything. I can't tell you how much light you guys brought into my life in probably the darkest time of my life. Without you guys, I wouldn't be here today. I wanted to let you guys know that I'm excited to get back to work.”

From this context, it can be imply that Demi wants people to learn from her own failure. By being outspoken about the issues she was dealing with, it emphasizes her willingness to rise from her failures and to give awareness to others who deal with the same problems.

Stanza 3 verse 5 :

*as the **smoke** clears, I awaken*

in this verse Demi Lovato uses symbol *smoke*, from the Oxford Dictionary smoke is the cloudlike gases and particles of soot given off by something which is burning. In navigation, smoke can cause limited visibility. Thus, if someone walks through the smoke, he or she may not be able to see ahead. By asserting this characteristic of smoke, it may imply that the smoke refers to future that can not be seen or predicted.

From the interview on Ellen Degeneres Show on September 20, 2011, Demi Lovato states in segment 1: 40:

“ .. I went from being at the highlight of my career, having a movie just come out and being on the tours and having so much success. So many things are going great in my life and then all of a sudden my personal life just went down like .... At crazy speed and I’ve just had a negative breakdown. . I ... you know it changes my life forever...”

From this context, it can imply how Demi can not predict her life and career, because on moment she was at the top of her career and all of a sudden her success went down because of her issues.

The last symbol in “Skyscraper”

Stanza 3 verse 6 :

*all my windows still are broken*

In this verse Demi lovato use the symbol *windows*, from Oxford Dictionary *windows* is an opening in the wall of a bulding etc which is fitted a frame of wood, metal etc containing glass or similar material, that can be seen through and usually opened. It may imply that *windows* symbolize the opportunity. The context from this interpretation is as she drown into drugs issue and mental disorder, her career as artist and singer was threatened. When she went into rehab,

she literally could not have the access to the world, she could not connect with her fans or her family for months. Thus, she describes it as *all my windows still are broken* in her song. This opinion also supported by her interview in <http://hollywoodlife.com/2012/09/21>, Demi Lovato shares her experience in rehab:

“Treatment was so difficult at first. I remember walking around saying ‘I’m in prison!’” she said. “They needed to have those strict rules in order for me to understand how sick I was. I wasn’t allowed to use the bathroom by myself. We had specific phone times. There are tons of things you weren’t allowed to have, you weren’t allowed to have certain hair products or whatever, that you could injure yourself with or possibly drink, and you were just stripped of a lot of things.”

Meanwhile, there are three symbols shown in second song of Demi lovato entitled “Warrior”.

Stanza 1 verse 8 :

*I need to take back the **light** inside you stole*

In this verse Demi Lovato uses symbol *light*. According to freedictionary, light means spiritual awareness or illumination. Demi Lovato may intend to symbolize her passion in life that is to do music. In (<http://hollywoodlife.com/celeb/demi-lovato/>), Demi Lovato explains:

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from Demi Lovato interview in Good Morning America (2011)

“they sat me down and you can’t live like this... like you need to get help and that’s exactly what I did”.

from her quotation, Demi Lovato explicitly says that after experiencing dark and sad situation, she was supported by her fans to get back to work as musician.

Stanza 3 verse 12 :

*and my armor, is made of steel, you can't get in*

In this verse Demi Lovato uses symbol *armor*, from the Oxford Dictionary *armor* is a metal suit worn by knights as a protection while fighting. The meaning of *armor* in this sentence represents self defense. In this verse, Demi Lovato makes an assertion that she finally obtains strength and self defense after having struggle with her personal battle so many times. Demi Lovato uses this symbol to assert the experiences in dealing with many problems at very young age have made her a stronger person. Her strength and victorious heart have been like a shield or *armour* to protect her.

Stanza 4 verse 13 :

*out of the ashes*

Ashes here symbolizes the beginning of a new life. The phrase may originate from English Burial Service which adapted from the Biblical text:

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. (Genesis 3:19)

the phrase “ashes to ashes” means we come from dust, we return to dust. Using the symbol ashes, Demi Lovato tries to describe her past as the experience that she wants to bury and she wants to get out of that past memory and failure to live again to become a new person with her new goals. After being recovered in rehab, Demi Lovato promotes her self as the spokeswoman for anti bullying organization PACER and involves in many philanthropy acts

(<http://hollywoodlife.com/celeb/demi-lovato/>). This is shown from her verse “our of the ashes I’m burning like a fire”. It may assume that the fire is the symbol of her spirit in managing her new life.

#### 4.1.2 Metaphor

As what has been explained in the previous chapter, according to Perrine (1992:62) metaphor is one component of figures of speech used to compare two things implicitly. These metaphors can be found in the second song.

Stanza 1 verse 7:

*I gotta get this off my **chest** to let it go*

In this verse the Demi Lovato uses metaphor *chest*, the word “chest” is categorized into metaphor because it compares an abstract to a concrete image, the chest is a substitution of heart (abstract concept). Thus, in here Demi Lovato tries to reveal her burden in her chest and let it go.

in the next segment from the second song.

Stanza 2 verse 9 :

*All the pain and the truth I wear **like a battle wound***

In this verse Demi Lovato uses the metaphor *like a battle wound*, from freedictionary the meaning of wound is a type of injury in which skin is torn, cut or punctured.

From Good Morning America Talk Show (2011), the *battle wound* is similar to her pain and misery during her personal battle against her mental illness. All her pain and truth may refer to her devastated torment when she diagnosed to be a bipolar.

Stanza 3 verse 10 :

*Now I'm a warrior*

From the Oxford Dictionary *warrior* is a soldier or skilled fighting man, especially in primitive societies. It is also categorized into metaphor because the word *warrior* demonstrates a resemblance between “warrior” to herself. The feature of a warrior is a person who engaged in or experience in warfare. In her personal life, Demi Lovato also experiences a war or a battle against her drug abuse, bullying and mental disorder. She also infers that hollywood life is like a battle field in which a young actress like her must compete with other to get a place in showbiz (Good Morning America interview).

In other segment, the metaphorical expression also found :

Stanza 4 verse 14 :

*I'm burning like a fire*

Demi Lovato uses fire to convey her inner thought. From the Oxford Dictionary *fire* is anything that is burning, whether accidentally or not. It deals with material that is giving off light and flame. The word “fire” is used to substitute the spirit that does not die off after her rehab treatment. She appears more phenomenal due to her victorious story about her life and inspires many young people who experience the same problems to stay strong. It may presume that her spirit is similar to fire which burns other people’s spirit and give enlightenment to them.

The last metaphor is found in song 2

Stanza 4 verse 15:

*I'm a survivor.*

Survivor is a person who survives a disaster from freedictionary. From this verse the word *survivor* is classified into metaphor because it attempts to make a comparison between Demi Lovato to a survivor. A survivor has metaphorical meaning as person who survives from a state of great suffering and distressful condition. This word is used as an emphasis of Demi's survival from great suffering and distressful condition. She continues to live throughout the hardship and proves her existence in music business becomes more phenomenal despite her problem in the past.

#### **4.1.3 Personification**

As stated in chapter 2, according to Perrine (1992,64) personification consists in giving the attributes of a human being to an animal, an object, or a concept. Personifications differ in the degree to which they ask the reader actually to visualize the literal term in human. In Skyscraper song, the form of personification can be seen in

Stanza 1 verse 1:

*skies are crying, I am watching*

In here, the sentence is categorized into personification, because it attempts to attribute the sky with certain human characteristics. From Good Morning America (2011) in Youtube, as a child actress, Demi Lovato was often bullied by her friends at school, and in the age of eleven, she attempted to suicide because of the pressure. Later, the past condition also influenced her mental. The pressure of fame and popularity also worsen her condition of having low self confidence. This leads to her mental disorders. It personifies the sky by saying



that skies are crying while crying belongs to human behavior. Demi Lovato performs this figures of speech because she wants to show that the world felt sympathy, for her sad life story. “Sky” here represents the world which can also mean her fans. While “crying” shows how the fans also feel her pain for her devastated condition

While the song “Warrior” is about how she eventually overcomes her condition after being treated into rehab. It focuses on how her problems and struggles have made her becoming a stronger person. This song is actually a sequel of the song “Skyscraper” from the previous albums.

#### **4.1.4 Simile**

Based on the review of the related study, according to Perrine (1992:61) simile as a means of comparing things that are essentially unlike but simile is more explicit. The writer found one sentence using simile in the song lyric. The sentence is in song 1.

Stanza 2 verse 4 :

*like a skyscraper*

Based on Skyscraper Premier Interview with Ryan Seacrest (2011) Demi Lovato explains about the song means to her.

“... I just remember like sometimes sitting there being like I had so much just like 6 months ago and here I am like in a treatment center and what is my life become like how do I let it got to this point and that what my whole song is kind of about. It’s about rising above those issues and hopefully with this song does for my fans, if only my fans, hopefully more people, but if only my fans it ... it tells them that it’s gonna be okay no matter how hard your rock bottom is you can rise above it and you can come back.”

From the other sources, Demi Lovato also states that : *“the messages for me. It says “stay strong”. (Showing her wrists)”*. In the context, Demi Lovato refers herself to a “Skyscraper”. Demi Lovato attributes her character to the figures of “Skyscraper”, which is tall, stout and strong. In here, Demi Lovato may imply to how she can stand up strong and tall despite all her problems like a “Skyscraper” which can stand up strong above the ground. Demi Lovato applies this figures of speech because she wants to show that she is strong enough to face the world like “Skyscraper”. However, the writer couldn’t find any simile in “warrior”.

#### **4.2 Figures of Speech Mostly Used in Demi Lovato is songs Lyrics**

From the Demi Lovato’s song “Skyscraper” and “Warrior” the figures of speech which is mostly used is symbols such as in song 1 “Skyscraper”

Stanza 2 verse 2:

*Like I’m made of **glass**  
Like I’m made of **paper***

Stanza 2 verse 3:

*I will be rising from the **ground***

Stanza 3 verse 5:

*As the **smoke** clears, I awaken*

Stanza 3 verse 6:

*All my **windows** still are broken*

In the next symbols in the second song “Warrior”

Stanza 1 verse 8:

*I need to take back the **light** inside you stole*

Stanza 2 verse 12:

*And my **armor**, is made of steel, you can't get in*

Stanza 4 verse 13 :

*Out of the **ashes***

From the fifteen figures of speech, Demi Lovato applies eleven symbols. Symbol was figures of speech mostly used in Demi Lovato's song lyrics. We can find symbols in almost every part of the songs. Demi Lovato uses symbol as a connector between the song and her own experience. The first symbol is coming from stanza 1 verse 2 and 3. "glass" and "paper" symbolized fragile and weak. It relates with her bad treatment from her schoolmates in the past. Another symbol appears in stanza 2 verse 4, "ground" is a symbol of a new life. It is located in the chorus which becomes the main part of the song. It symbolizes her having a new life after experiencing so much pain. The next symbol is coming from stanza 3 verse 6, "smoke" represents her problems in showbiz industry. It has connected with her past experience related with showbiz and its surrounding. The last symbol from the first is "window" which is located in stanza 3 verse 7. The term window represents her opportunity in musical career.

### **4.3 Discussion**

From the interpretation above the writer concludes that the use of figures of speech in Demi Lovato's songs is for helping the listener to understand the songs well. Demi Lovato used her fluency in composing those figures of speech not only to beautify her literary work but also to make the song easily understood.

In the process of analyzing in chapter IV, the writer finds out sentences that contain figures of speech. The figures of speech that occurred in Demi

Lovato's song lyrics are symbol, metaphor, personification, and simile. Not all figures of speech can be found in the songs because Demi Lovato used that kind of style, and every style has different purpose.

From the analysis, figures of speech in Demi Lovato's song like symbol, metaphor, personification, and simile the writer found that the figures of speech in Demi Lovato's song mainly use part of speech noun to express her feeling in the past.

Demi Lovato uses the figures of speech to show the listener about her sadness and despair and how it became her weapon to move on from all of her problems. Demi Lovato uses symbols for her sadness and revival. In the first and third stanza Demi Lovato uses some symbols to show her problem and sadness. In the second stanza Demi told that all of the problems became her turning point to be a new person. In the last stanza Demi confirms her power as a new person after fell so much. It also stated that no one can let her down.