

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents introduction of the study. It contains the background of study, statement of the problem, objective of the study, significance of the study, and scope and limitation

1. 1 Background of study

The long journey of human life is very short but it is no ending. Born and death are something unpredictable. No one knows when the baby will be born from his mother. Many problems are faced to raise something that nearly with the perfectness, but it can be seen that no one is perfect in the world. In this world so many things, can learn for disenchant ourselves that life is precious and must be thankful for every moment, sadness and happiness. Human are born and getting to be toddler, teenager, adult and then old. Life and death cannot be separated from human being. Basically, life is provision to death. Anyone will never know when they will die. But, at least someone can make a plan of his life, so his life can be arranged according to their wishes. It happens because of their efforts not just at the moment.

In life, people share life, love, experience to parents, best friends, everybody. It would be hard to imagine a subject that is more universal and more personally relevant for every single individual than death and dying. In the course life, people will lose acquaintances, friends, and relatives and eventually facing own biological demise. So many things people can learn from life and one of them is death. The

death is the best teacher. Also the death is something mysterious or cannot be predicted. Born and death has arranged by God. It means that life is not easy as looking for the perfectness. No death is perfect, but there is dying in holly. Mallon (2008 : 1) states Grief is the price we pay for love. Without attachment there would be no sense of loss. No one can make a prediction when the die will come even the new baby cannot breath then the angel of death takes the baby's soul. In Islamic faith there is life after death. Every good and bad are done being calculated in heaven. There are signs that will be shown but they are not be realized of people in around, moreover by himself that the death is very close.

To make easy of appreciating the poem, this study analyzed about the death. A wider study of death and the rituals and representation that surround death, reveals the impulses and motivations behind many human activities and cultural practices involving death, whether in commemorating the passing of loved ones, or in dealing with the existential anxiety of one's own demise. Involve some form of engagement with death, dying and the cycles of life, while even in the increasingly busy and high-rise profile of many urban environments it is still spires and steeples that rise above the rooftops, again structures whose rationale was in part to engage with the dramas of life and death.

Figures of speech are the several of language that depart from customary construction, order, or significance in order to achieve special meaning. For example are metaphor, simile, hyperbole, irony and paradox etc. (Holman & Harmon; 1986:384). This research used by the poem and describes about the death by Robert Frost's poems because these poems many mystery, emotion, imagination, experience, felt, love, dream, hoped, idea, etc for

express idea. The writer believes if there is that reading poems can be enjoyable.

In this poems “Fire and Ice” , “In a Disused Graveyard” , “The Death of The Hired Man” by Robert Frost’s were chosen for several reason. Firstly, three poems contain many poetic devices which could as research. Secondly, in poem “Fire and Ice”, “In a Disused Graveyard”, “The Death of The Hired Man” in Robert Frost’s poems have theme about mystery of death, could be used as research for the final examine. The writer was research especially about death, equally enigmatic, riddles and mysterious. Third, Robert Frost’s is the most celebrated poet in America. The man who a never give up in his life to writing every a single poetry for make unique language. Robert Frost’s have the great lyric theme of death, love and nature in his poem. William H. Pritchard said that Robert Frost was born on March 26, 1874, in San Francisco, California. Robert Frost loves nature. His poetry was full of sentimental expression about his personal life and conduct. Besides, his poems are simple and profound. He also wrote simple stories about everyday people, often inhabitants of rural New England. Robert Frost wrote extraordinary prose, using simple and direct language; his poems contain symbolism, hidden meaning, sounds, rhyme, meter, metaphors and more. Any disruption between the worlds we know and the world we are confronted by, at a death for examples, brings about a sense of loss of meaning. Rinpoche (2002) states

Death is a natural part of life, which we will all surely have to face sooner or later. To my mind, there are two ways we can deal with it while we are alive. We can either choose to ignore it or we can confront the prospect of our own death and, by thinking clearly

about it, try to minimize the suffering that it can bring. However, in neither of these ways can we actually overcome it.

1. 2 Statements of The Problem

Based on the background of the study above, the problem of this study can be formulated as follows:

1. What figures of speech are used in “Fire and Ice”, “In a Disused Graveyard”, “The Death of The Hired Man” that describe death?
2. How death theme is explained in “Fire and Ice”, “In a Disused Graveyard”, “The Death of The Hired Man” poems?

1. 3 Objectives of The Study

In relating to the problem above, the objective of the study is as following:

1. To describe figures of speech in Robert Frost’s poem “Fire and Ice”, “In a Disused Graveyard”, and “The Death of The Hired Man”.
2. To describe the death theme in Robert Frost’s poem “Fire and Ice”, “In a Disused Graveyard”, “The Death of The Hired Man”

1. 4 Significances of The Study

This study is expected to give contribution to the study of literature. Besides, it is used to enrich the knowledge of student figure of speech in

Robert Frost's poems, and references that are going to work on the theme death.

1. 5 Scope and Limitation

The scope of this research mainly discussed figures of speech and death theme which intensely appears in "Fire and Ice", "In a Disused Graveyard", "The Death of The Hired Man". To avoid a broader analysis, this study is held under the scope of poetic devices and death theme through limited poems.