

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

These chapters to present some aspects that become foundation in analyzing problem in the study. It gives descriptions about the background of the study, statement of the problem, objective of the study, scope and limitation of the study, significance of the study, and the organization of the study.

1.1 Background of the study

Music is one of the animation parts that can never be parted from the world. It is used to express human's need to entertain themselves. According to Prabhjit Singh's article, it is a way to express our feelings and emotions. Music is a way to escape life, which give us the relief of pain and helps to reduce the human stress of daily routines. It helps person to calm down even excited at times of joy. In addition, it can be enriching our mind and gives us confidence. (Prabhjit Singh, article The Role of Music in Human Life, 2008).

Music actually expresses world, event that happened in the phenomenon of human life. Then, literature is a realization of human daily life. Music is included in the literature. because in music there are several components in common with the poetry where there are similarities with the lyrics.

One of the subjects in literature works is poetry. Poetry is one of literature that expresses mind, idea and imagination in chosen words that have hidden meaning of the writer. Poetry is one of the eldest genres in literary history and it has closely related meaning to the term "lyric", which derives etymologically from the Greek musical instrument "lyra" ("lyra" or "harp") and points to an origin in the sphere of music (Mario Klaler 2004:27).

From the explanation above, poetry is one part of literature works that have hidden meaning of the writer who choose the words that express the writer's, mind, idea and imagination. Poetry has close relationship with the notion (form) of “lyric” and is one of the eldest genres in literary history. Lyric itself, etymologically is come from Greek musical instrument “lyra” or “harp” which points to an origin in the sphere of music. So poetry has close relationship with song especially, lyric of the song. According to the two theories above, the researcher can conclude that poetry is the symbol of the exchange process that can be done through the lyrics of the song which represented to the public.

Based on the theories, lyrics of the song contain messages and meaning to be conveyed by the author to the audience. This message may flow into the life or aspiration associated with a particular situation. The meaning of the lyrics whichis packed with music is no longer a mere entertaining medium. So, it can be used as a medium to channel the aspirations of individuals, groups, or society in general.

Owl City is an electronic musical project by singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Adam Young. It is formed in 2007 in Owatonna, Minnesota. Adam Young made this project while experimenting with music in the basement of his parents' home. Owl City gained widespread attention in the social networking site MySpace, like other successful musicians in the late 2000s, before joining Universal Republic in 2008. (Bill Lamb 2014/02/14).

Ocean eyes album released in 2009, OwlCity won several awards including, the European Top 100 Albums, Maybe I'm Dreaming Top Electronic Albums occupied level 16, level 8 The Billboard 200, topped the Top Digital Albums level 1, Top Electronic Albums occupied level 1, the Top Modern Rock /

Alternative Albums level 1, Top Rock Albums occupy level 1, while in 2010 this album also won the Top Canadian Albums at level 18 in United Kingdom Albums (Andrew Leahey 2014). There are some songs in this album and one of the famous songs is twilight vanilla, and the saltwater room. There is also a singles song by Adam Young (Owl City) entitled alone lullaby, the song was released on bonus in his new album, a special release by Adam Young in memory of dead lover.

As far as the researcher concern, there is no article or journal that analyzes the figurative language in the Owl City song. The other reason why the researcher chooses the song “Vanilla Twilight”, “The Saltwater Room”, and “Lonely Lullaby”, by Owl City for the song vanilla twilight and the saltwater room included in the album which won numerous awards in 2009. The song lonely lullaby is newest single on the album owl city is intentionally lyrical song in memory of a former lover Adam young. Other than that the reason why the Researchers chose the third song is the third track Because It has the meaning of Adam Young love story with some women that ended with the departure of the girl. The researcher analyzes figurative language in song lyrics that used in the songs by Owl City. It will provide some contribution to the study of literature in general and limited meaning for people who has a desire to learn English.

1.2 Statements of the Problem

Based on the background of the study above, the researcher formulates the questions that have formulation of the problem as follows:

- 1.1.1 What are the figurative language used in the Owl City's lyrics vanilla twilight, the saltwater room, and lonely lullaby?
- 1.1.2 How does figurative language express the total meaning that found in the Owl City's songs vanilla twilight, the saltwater room, and Lonely lullaby?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

After recognizing the problem, the researcher intends to find the figurative language and possible meaning that used in Owl City songs. The important reason that follow the above questions to answer problem below:

- 1.3.1 To analyze the types of figurative language in the Owl City song.
- 1.3.2 To find the meaning of the Owl City song.

1.4 Significance of Study

Meanwhile, based on the research objectives above, the researcher can take the benefits of this study. The benefits of this analysis are expected by the researcher as the development English knowledge, especially in the analysis of meaning and more specifically for the analysis of figurative meaning in the famous songs in modern era of communication media.

1.5 Scope and Limitations

This study was conducted with the object of study utilizing literature, Owl City song. In accordance with the problems and objectives to be achieved in this study, the researcher limit the scope of research is as follows to analysis figurative language in song Vanilla Twilight, The Saltwater Room, Lonely Lullaby and Honey and Bee by Owl City.

1.6 Definition of Key Terms

1.6.1 Song

There are some similarities between song and poem. Song has to be rhythmic and so does a poem. Rhythm is one of the important elements in both songs and poetry. In fact, there is even a form of poetry which is made into music called a lyric poem. They can be used in songs to express the thoughts and feelings of the author. Music without words is poetry, only not in the generalized sense (Putu, 2014:2).

1.6.2 Lyrics

The most common used, a lyric is any fairly short poem, consisting of the utterance by a single speaker, who expresses a state of mind or a process of perception, thought, and feeling (Abrams, 1999:146).

1.6.3 Figurative language

According to Perrine figurative language-language using figure of speech is language that not be taken literally because figure of speech is any way of saying something other than the ordinary way (1984:61).

1.6.4 Meaning

According to Cuddon in Charitrotul thesis is normal to distinguish between two things or relations (2013: 19)

1.7 Organization of the study

In this part, researcher discusses about the organization of the study in this thesis. This thesis has five chapters and each chapter has sub chapter. This study consists of five chapters includes: The first chapter of this study is the instruction that consists of background research study report, the purpose of the research, the research objectives, significance of the research, limitations of the study, and research organizations. The second chapter is a review of the relevant literature. This chapter defines the interface language to support the interpretation of the study researcher. Then the third chapter is the methodology. It contains the data sources, the instrument used by the researcher, the method to collect the data and how the researcher to analyze the data. The fourth chapter finding and interpretation. It describes the research that the author gets to answer the research questions and interpretation of research problems. The final chapter will be the conclusion consists at least a summary and conclusions of the study.