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This study is aimed to find the connotation meanings of expressions associated with sad or melancholic found in *Ain't No Sunshine* by Bill Withers and *Nobody's Child* by Karen Young song lyrics. These songs are chosen because their songs represent sadness or melancholic or sorrowful. In this research, the researcher used a qualitative method. The result of the analysis shows that the lyrics of the songs chosen contain words that connotes sad or melancholic. Mostly, the lyrics describe the sadness of a person with their sad experiences. These connotative meanings correlate with the symbols of despair such as the words *darkness* and *die* which are usually used in expression of despair. In conclusion the song writer can use words that connote the desire to express sad feelings by describing the situation that occurred at that time.

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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menemukan ekspresi yang bermakna konotasi sedih atau melankolis yang terdapat dalam lagu *Ain't No Sunshine* oleh Bill Withers dan *Nobody's Child* dalam lirik lagu Karen Young. Lagu-lagu ini dipilih karena lagu-lagu mereka mewakili kesedihan atau melankolis atau sedih. Dalam penelitian ini peneliti menggunakan metode kualitatif. Hasil analisis menunjukkan bahwa lirik lagu yang dipilih mengandung kata-kata yang berkonotasi sedih atau melankolis. Sebagian besar, liriknya menggambarkan kesedihan seseorang dengan pengalaman sedihnya. Makna konotatif ini berkorelasi dengan simbol keputusan seperti kata *darkness* dan *die* yang biasanya digunakan dalam ekspresi keputusan. Kesimpulannya penulis lagu dapat menggunakan kata-kata yang berkonotasi dengan keinginan untuk mengungkapkan perasaan sedih dengan menggambarkan keadaan yang terjadi saat itu.

