

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Study

When we listen to songs, the first impression that comes to our mind is the notes in a song that we want to hear and of course we will read and follow the lyrics. Following the lyrics in that sense, we follow the rhythm of the song and sing the lyrics of the song according to the original song. The better the lyrics, the better the song will be. Tone, chords, dynamics and the main elements of music do play an important part in making a song, so that songs can be created and can be enjoyed by people. However, if someone creates a song with the intention that the song can be sung together, that is the massive role and the essence of a song lyric.

“Music has long been an effective way to communicate to the masses, and lyrics have played a massive role in delivering this communication” (Ransom 2015). When someone listens to music, most of us are unconsciously interpreting someone's condition or Ourselves’, even though we are doing some activities, the lyrics will affect our mood to be involved. In a song that has lyrics, it plays a bigger role in creating the atmosphere, despite the fact that it is the main role is a tone, but the lyrics can be said to be the main supporting role in song creation. In this case, the lyrics that are composed have a structured meaning, that is, the songwriters have prepared in advance about the songs they will make, starting from designing the tone, writing lyrics which are usually written by 1-3 people, then the storyline that will be presented in a song, and the mood to be conveyed.

Furthermore, the meaning of the song lyrics contains a connotation, including positive and negative connotations. People must understand the meaning of the song in the lyrics of the song they like. people inevitably have to understand the

meaning, otherwise there will be misunderstanding in enjoying a song. people can cry because they already know the meaning in the song's lyrics so people can animate the lyrics in the song.

So, in this research paper, the writer will explain some of the sad songs that the author has chosen. He has analyzed the song's lyrics that have sad connotations so that these songs can be understood among the public.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

This research is aimed at to answer the following problems:

1. “What are the connotative meanings of the lyrics associated with sad or melancholy found in the selected song lyrics?”

1.3 Objectives of the Study

This thesis is limited to analyze *Nobody's Child* by Karen Young and *Ain't No Sunshine* by Bill Withers song lyrics. The writer decided to choose these two songs because these songs clearly represent sad or melancholy. The study is limited to the connotation meanings of lyrics expressing sad in the songs

Song lyrics can be studied from different viewpoints, such as their structure, lexical elements, themes, grammatical elements, social functions, and their contents (Soepriatmadji and Rustipa 2020). Well, every lyric in the song has a meaning that will influence human emotions. This study examined the connotations in the lyrics, to find out the important role of the songs to be able to bring people to be more careful in enjoying the songs. Specifically, the objective of the study is to find the connotative meanings associated with suicide found in the selected song lyrics.

1.4 Scope of the Study

This research focused on identifying the connotative meanings of sad or melancholy songs genre. People can sort songs that are appropriate for listening and songwriters also need to have the literacy knowledge to work on a song that has lyrics that are worthy of being produced. This study focused on connotations in song lyrics that represent sad or melancholy, such as *Nobody's Child* by Karen Young and *Ain't No Sunshine* by Bill Withers

1.5 Methods of the Study

The writer used qualitative methods for this research paper. The writer investigated two (2) samples of sad song lyrics selected randomly by the writer. The writer also used several social media applications that support the author so that the research can run well, two of which the writer used are *Google* and *Spotify*.

1.6 Organization of the Paper

Chapter I is the introduction that consists of background to the study, statements of the problem, objectives of the study, scope of the study, methods of the study, approach to the study and organization of the paper. Chapter II discusses on review of related literature. Chapter III is a review of research method. Chapter IV is finding and discussion. Chapter V is conclusion.