

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Study

As generally known, a song is a musical composition performed by a voice. This is often done at different, fixed notes (melodies) using sound and silence patterns. Songs contain a variety of forms, such as those including repetition and variation of parts. As the development of music progresses, people are increasingly creative in producing a song. At this time, the song changed in lyric and music. The lyric that used to be themed on love, friendship and life can now turn into freedom, promiscuity, and even contain elements of sex and explicit content. Therefore, parental advisory is needed today in an era of very rapid development of song production. Not only happened in the change of lyric, the music used to accompany the song also changed. Because of that change, there was a cross genre or a mixture of one genre with another genre which was finally united into a song.

A song consists of lyric, melody, and notation. It is also one type of literature work. Everyone use song to create some beautiful poem that has so many beautiful meaning in every word. A song can be literarily researched in terms of figurative language, themes, meaning, and messages. In literature, a song is a sometimes beautiful poem with a pretty melody that can improve our motoric cells as the melody directly touches the brain.

The writer believes that song is always beside human beings. Lana Del Rey's song is not well known by many people, but most of all Lana Del Rey's song is poetic and full of deepest lyric meaning. Every word that consists of her songs uses a very difficult style to understand. There are some messages given by the singer for listeners based on their specific context in that song lyric. Therefore, it becomes an interesting object to analyze the meaning and messages.

Songs are representation all of the song writer's emotions, condition, and situation to describe the song writer's feelings such as happy, sad, jealousy, falling in love, depression, etc. In other words, the song is the right medium to describe everyone's feelings, even by fast tempo or slow tempo. Every day, almost all people play a song to make their activities of the days so much better.

Some people sometimes listen to a song according to their mood when they are sad, to represent their feelings deeply. They tend to feel satisfied when the song they listen to matches their current mood, be it from the lyric or the vibes of the song, thus encouraging them to cheer up their current state of feeling. A song can have a big meaning for some people to support their life. When listening to sad songs and their lyric related to their life stories, sometimes they unconsciously shed tears because they were too deep into the message of the song. Likewise, happy songs, they can be more excited than usual.

Concerning the explanation above, some singers make a song which has explained about their feelings. Elizabeth Woolridge Grant known professionally as Lana Del Rey, is an American singer, songwriter, and record producer. In her first

career, it was started in 2005. In her career she made seventh albums, one of her album "*Born To Die*" is sold 3.2 million copies. Because of that album, Lana Del Rey becomes famous. "*Summertime Sadness*" is one of the songs in the "*Born To Die*" album. "*Summertime Sadness*" has four minutes and twenty-five seconds of duration. This song has a deep meaning of love. It explains about romance and unforgettable summer. She has someone that so close to her is dead, just died for whatever reason. She was revealing want to suicide and just want to go out. She has deep depression and her happiness is just an act. She expressed her wish to meet someone precious who died for whatever reason. Before she starts her suicide, she wants to make a sweet blissful death to make her keep feeling alive. Suicide is the right way for her to live together with her beloved in heaven because she will always feel emptiness if she did not do that.

The song "*Summertime Sadness*" is not only Lana Del Rey because of her melancholy self. For some people, the brightest days bring internal gloom, fatigue, discomfort. Most of us probably associate seasonal affective disorder (SAD) with winter - a logical assumption to make about stretches of cold, dark days that always seem to last longer than they should - but as it turns out, about 10 percent of people with SAD (roughly- roughly four to six percent of the US population) feel it in summer.

Summer can feel aimless. Many workplaces seem to slow down, people leave the city constantly, and daily routines lose consistency. People may go out more often, things may feel more frivolous at times, it may feel as if nothing matters, and we all just fill in the time between weekend breaks. The free-for-all aspect can be fun, and a

blast of great weather means people can finally get out there and play. But for some people, it might feel like it is stabbing endlessly.

Therefore, it makes sense why some people feel sad in the summer. The exuberant vibrations create a very disturbing kind of existential static. Some people talk about how beautiful summer is and look forward to summer. They tend to do interesting things, and they socialize more often, but some of us are not like that. While most people would agree that winter can be an opportunity, people put summer on a pedestal and then, taking time for themselves, indoors and away from the noise, create space. Constant activity and travel can spoil daily routines, making work less productive and potentially resentful.

Based on that explanation, the writer will make the final project An Analysis of Suicidal Thoughts on Lana Del Rey's Song Lyric "*Summertime Sadness*" on the Album "*Born To Die*".

1.2 Statements of the Problem

Based on the background of the study above this research is arranged into four problem statements as follows:

1. What is the meaning of the song "*Summertime Sadness*" on the album "*Born To Die*"?
2. What are signaling symptoms of suicidal thoughts found in Lana Del Rey's song lyric "*Summertime Sadness*" in the album "*Born To Die*"?
3. What the cause Lana Del Rey has suicidal thoughts regarding the song?

1.3 Objectives of the Study

The current study aims at achieving the following objectives constructed on the basis of the statement of the problems, as follows:

1. To find out the meaning of the song "*Summertime Sadness*" on the album "*Born To Die*".
2. To find out the signaling symptoms of suicidal thoughts found in Lana Del Rey's song lyric "*Summertime Sadness*" in the album "*Born To Die*".
3. To find out what causes Lana Del Rey to have suicidal thoughts regarding the song.

1.4 Scope of the Study

This research paper focuses on the psychoanalytic lyric of Lana Del Rey's song "*Summertime Sadness*" in the album "*Born To Die*". It only addresses the suicidal thoughts that the songwriter had in response to the death of her beloved for unknown reason. She revealed that she wanted to kill herself and only wanted to get out of the sadness due to losing her beloved. She is very depressed and according to her, her only happiness is living with her beloved.

1.5 Significances of the Study

This study is conducted to give information and understanding about the suicidal thought for depressed women and why it happens. Suicidal thought has a bad effect on psychologically. In this study, the writer wants others to do not suicide or hurt themselves when depression, stress, feeling unwanted, etc. Based on Lana Del Rey's song that always representation her feeling and message, sadness can be expressed through a work of art or literature work like a poem, poetry, song, painting artwork, etc.

1.6 Approach of the Study

This research is a psychoanalysis study. The writer focuses to analyze the character and interpreting the data. The data are taken from Lana Del Rey's song lyric "*Summertime Sadness*" in the album "*Born To Die*" about suicidal thoughts. The writer listened to the song and read the lyric and tried to understand the content and entire story, then interpreting the data in terms of the psychoanalytical study. The purpose of interpreting data is to get much information about psychological effects in support of the process to accomplish the research. It would be analyzed using the theory of Psychoanalytic Criticism by Sigmund Freud.

1.7 Organization of the Paper

This research paper is organized systematically so that the readers can easily read and

understand it. It is divided into five chapters and each chapter contains sub-chapters. In Chapter I, the writer presents the introduction in this study, explains the background, problem statements, objectives of the study, scope of the study, significance of the study, and approach of the study. Chapter II, presents the song lyric "*Summertime Sadness*" in the album "*Born To Die*", and biography of Lana Del Rey. Meanwhile, review of related literature is presented in Chapter III to elaborate the theoretical framework which would be used as a basis of analysis in Chapter IV. Finally Chapter V concludes the study, ending up in offering some suggestions.