

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Research Background

Song is an imaginative activity with poetic words and accompanied by rhythm. Song is pretty closer with people life in this world starting from the youngest and to the oldest even animals can dance with the song. They listen to the music wherever and whenever they want. We can listen to the music in any platforms, such as the radio, television, mp3, hand phone and other electronic media. Song makes us closely with our life because song is easy to listen it.

Song is one of the smallest parts of the music, music is usually a song which accompanied by words. Song consists of melodies and vocals, many of composers have written the instrumental works, or musical works without words, which enhance the quality of singing voice. The words of a song are called by lyrics. Lyrics can complete each verse, a longer section of the song that tells the story, and a chorus is a short sentence that is repeated at the end of each verse.

Songs can have a simple structure of one or two verses, or a more complex one with many verses. Song usually has a meter or beat. Whether you sing or play the lyrics, you can use a pattern or feel the pattern or pulse in words moving the song forward. The word 'song' has been around for a long time, and it is connected to Old English and Old Norse. As conveyed by history, (Przybylek, 2003) state that songs are used for various purposes: to tell stories, talk, or convey belief in faith. Sometimes the song can also provide an instruction and help make the difficult and repetitive work a little light .

Song is very closer with anything life in this world. However, song can be influence with our life, and in literary work, song is a poetry that composed together with the music melody. Song has many poems, even if not set to music, may be called songs, but the term, in literary sense, usually denotes a poem and its musical setting: a poem for singing or charity, with or without musical accompaniment. Music and world may be composed together: or the music may be fitted to the words.

Nowadays the song is increasingly expanded in various corners of the world according to the listeners and their respective streams so that the songs become increasingly varied from each tone, language, lyric, and those theme. So this things can make us feel enjoy with the song and it lyrics that accompanying music comes to various perceptions. Music is almost dominant in our everyday life as an entertainment even as a need for late relievers and so on. As we know it today, song lyrics which mostly lead to adults are even heard by young children.

Song is one part of poetry such as the lyric of poem in generally. According to Plato (in Donald Jay Grout, Claude V.Palisca, (2001:6)) he explains “a song (melos) as a blend of speech, rhythm, and harmony (a complex of relationship of pitches in a melody). Lyric poetry meant sung to the lyre: tragedy incorporates the noun ode the art of singing.”

According to the poetry, it can be devices specifically in a song lyric that found imagination activity, which the imagination or imagery catch by five senses, such as seeing, hearing, feeling, smelling, and tasting. Pas thought that the author could transfer her imagination activity which is contains meaning and message (DiYanni, 2002).

When specific detailed appears in poem they are called images. Image is a concrete representation of a sense impression, feeling or idea. Images appeal to one or more of our sense. Images may be visual (something seen) aural (something heard), tactile (something felt), olfactory (something smelled), or gustatory (something tasted). The images cluster together to describe the passing of time when image from pattern of related detail that convey an idea or feeling beyond what the images literary describe, we call them metaphorical or symbolic (DiYanni, 2002).

According to agreement above, the lyrics of song is become a part of literary work, so the researcher is very interest to analyze about the imagery, which is contained in Westlife’s song lyric in Spectrum, Coast To Coast Albums. Westlife (1998) is an Irish vocal group which was formed in 1998 in Sligo, disbanded in 2012 and reunited in 2018. The group currently consists of Shane

Filan, Mark Feehily, Kian Egan, and Nicky Byrne. They are the one of famous British Pop vocal group in the world.

Westlife received UK awards from 1999 to 2019, 17 out of 29 singles from 1999 to 2009 reached the top 2 on the UK Singles Chart. They have the most certifications for a boy band for the UK Singles Chart after take that and the most singles certifications for a pop band on the UK Number One Singles Artists Chart since The Beatles.

However, they have a total of thirteen major album releases, eleven of which are studio albums. Five albums are as a five-piece and eight areas a four-piece. The group rose to fame with their debut international self-titled studio album. Westlife (1999). It was followed by Coast to Coast (2000), World of Our Own (2001), Unbreakable – The Greatest Hits Vol. 1 (2002), and turnaround (2003), which continued the group's success worldwide. Before the start of their Turnaround in 2004, one of the original members Brian McFadden departed from the band. The four remaining members continued as a group to release their cover albums Allow Us to Be Frank (2004) and The Love Album (2006) and the studio albums (Face to Face (2005) and Back Home (2007). After an almost one-year hiatus of studio recording in 2008, they regrouped and release the studio albums Where We Are (2009), and Gravity (2010) and the compilation album Greatest Hits (2011). After eight years, the quartet group released their eleventh studio album, Spectrum in 2019.

Imagery has an important role in literary works. Imaging is a means to stimulate the reader's senses by using certain language expressions. Imagery can makes the reader feels like watching, hearing, or feel something that is depicted in the work as said (Nurgiyantoro 2010:304) *citraan merupakan penggunaan kata-kata dan ungkapan yang mampu membangkitkan tanggapan indera yang demikian dalam karya sastra.*

The researchers research the five imageries on Westlife's Song Lyric in Spectrum and Coast to Coast Albums because in their albums contains various types of imagery such as visual imagery, aural imagery, tactile imagery, olfactory imagery and gustatory imagery which found in this albums. Besides, on this

album also has an image function to clarify images, enlivens the images in the mind, creates a special atmosphere, and arouse the intellect of the reader.

The researcher is very enthusiastic about the research the imagery meaning of these albums, because many people they don't know the meaning of each lyrics of Westlife songs, instead they only know the song from the beautiful tones. Songs are beautiful words arranged in a pattern and sung with distinctive tones and music. Songs are not just meaningless and meaningless words. Song is a form of literary work that has an aesthetic value and an implied meaning in it. Then the song is a medium for conveying the author's expression in the form of words that have specificity in each song. Intense the experience as an individual, even though it is considered trivial, can produce the right image in certain conditions. The writer makes a song means composing a frame of mind by building experiences and arguments and dressing it in the right language. Either the language is beautiful, but also the accuracy of the words in the delivery of each lyrics. This precisely on this precision that requires a creative process.

Song is one of the literary works created by God through a poet. It cannot be separated from the beauty of another form of God's creation, namely the various senses possessed by each human being. Human senses in terms of the sense of sight, sense of smell, sense of hearing, sense of taste and sense of touch.

The translation of the value of taste in words written and voiced by the poet in the form of words that feel right and in accordance with the senses we present. Hunger feels even more pressing on the stomach when we read images of the smell of delicious food that seems to make us hungry. Likewise with the depiction of pain that the senses describe can be felt by the reader. Other example of imagery such as the fabric that I have bought was as smooth as silk. The sentence above is the example of tactile imagery which the reader can feels how smooth the fabric.

The term of imagery in a song can be understood in two ways, namely receptively. The reader through the poetry finds something that looks concrete and can help the process of interpreting the poem as a whole and completely. The relation to the creative process, songs are understood creatively and expressively

understood and then sung with beautiful music. Imagery serves as a substitute for the actual word by combining beautiful lyrics to sing.

Imagery is an attempt to concretize something abstract to become as if it is concrete through image forms so that the form is easy to imagine, easy to describe it and easily captured by readers. Some abstract object can be defined as something that can be captured by human senses. Melody itself is a type of writing that communicates the writer contemplations and emotions innovatively and orchestrated by concentrating all the intensity of language surface.

Without creative mind, mankind would be long wiped out. It took creative mind the capacity to think about additional opportunities as to cause discharge, to make weapons, develop crops, build structures, and design the vehicles, planes, space transports, TV, and PCs. Incomprehensibly, our aggregate creative mind, which has permitted us to defeat such huge numbers of common dangers, has been instrumental in making the serious issues we face on earth today like contamination, depletion of normal assets, and the danger of atomic demolition. However creative mind, collaborated with will, remains our best trust in defeating these equivalent issues. Visual imagery is presumably most popular for its immediate impacts on physiology. According to imagery, we can animate changes in many body works typically viewed as difficult to reach to cognizant impact.

1.2 Research Questions

Based on the background above, the listeners do not yet know the truth meaning of the song which heard from the Westlife. The research questions are:

1. What kinds of imagery in Westlife's song lyrics in Spectrum, and Coast to Coast Albums?
2. What is imagery meaning in Westlife's song lyrics in Spectrum, and Coast to Coast Albums?

1.3 Research Objectives

Though the research questions above, the research purposes are;

1. To identify the imagery in Westlife's song lyric in Spectrum, and Coast to Coast Albums.

2. To analyze the imagery meanings from each lyrics song of Westlife albums.

1.4 Research Significance

1.4.1 Theoretically

The researcher realizes as a student of English Department, this research is to learn more about literature and the order how to make a good analyze in literary works. For other researchers this study will be comparison. And also for Literature Communities this research is expected to give knowledge about literary analysis actually structural analysis.

1.4.2 Practically

This research can increase the knowledge of the writer and provide information about the types of imaging meanings in the Westlife's album lyrics. Hopefully this research will help other researchers, students of English Literature and the readers as one of the references for their research, and it will be useful for students who learn about the meaning of imagery and the author hope this research can contribute the feedback in learning, especially in terms of the meaning of imagery, and this research can also contribute to finding comparative studies of new variations for English Literature.

1.5 Clarification of Study

1. Imagery

Imagery means using figurative language to represent objects, actions, and definitions of appearance so that it appeals to our physical senses. Associated with imaging use certain word that represent visual representations of ideas in our minds. The word "image" is discussed with mental images. However, this idea is partly true but true. Imagery, to be realistic, draw more complicated than in the image.

2. Westlife

Westlife is a boy band from Ireland consisting of Shane Filan, Brian McFadden, Kian Egan, Nicky Byrne, and Mark Feehily. Westlife was formed on July 3, 1998, then dissolved on June 23, 2012 and returned in 2018.

3. Song

Songs are compositions of tones or sounds in sequence, combination, and temporal relationship to produce musical compositions that have composition and continuity. And no range or rhythmic sound is also called a song. The song can be solo, two, three or in a group.

4. Album

Album or recorded album is a collection of audio or music that is transferred to the public. The most common way is through trade distribution, through which is often published directly at concerts or through the website.

1.6 Previous Study

The researcher has found several previous studies. The first previous study is the journal of *Citraan Pada Novel Fantasi Nataga The Little Dragon Karya Ugi Agustono by Nurul Hidayati and Heri Suwignyo (2017)*. This previous study is taken by the researcher because related to the imagery of this research. The explanation of their journal becomes the difference between this research where their journal tells the imagery of the novel. They were the students of State University of Malang in the major of Indonesian Literature.

The second previous study is the journal of *Figurative and Imagery Language in Poetry set Melihat Api Bekerja by M. Aan Mansyur: Stylistic Review by Octari Adelina Kusumawardhani and Mukh Doyin (2019)*. This previous study is taken by the researcher because their journal is related to the imagery of this research. The explanation of this journal becomes the differences between this research where their journal tells the figurative and imagery language of the poetry. They were the students of PGRI University of Palembang and State University of Semarang in the majors of Indonesian Literature.

The third previous study is the article of *Imagery in the Poetry Collection of Abdul Salam HS Entitled "Malaikat Waringin" by Adek Dwi Oktaviantina (2019)*. This previous study is taken by the researcher, because her article is related to the imagery of this research. The explanation of her article becomes the differences between this research where her article tells about the imagery of the poetry. This article is come from Language office of Banten.

The fourth previous study is an undergraduate thesis of *An Analysis of Figurative Language on the Lyrics of Westlife's Selected Songs* by **M. Zen Masruri (2011)**. This previous study is taken by the researcher, because his undergraduate thesis is related to the object of this research. The explanation of his undergraduate thesis becomes the differences between this research where his research tells about the figurative language of Westlife's Selected Songs. He was the student of Institute Islamic State of Tulungagung in the Faculty of *Tarbiyah* and Teacher Training.

The last previous study is the journal of *Figurative Language in Westlife Album "Coast to Coast" and My Chemical Romance Album "Welcome to Black Parade"* by **I.A Intan Gayatri Manuaba and I Ketut Tika (2019)**. This previous study is taken by the researcher, because their journal is related to the object of this research. The explanation of their journal becomes the differences between this research where their journal tells about the figurative language in Westlife Album "Coast to Coast" and My Chemical Romance Album "Welcome to Black Parade". The similarity of their journal is the Westlife's Album of "Coast to Coast". They were the students of Udayana University in the Faculty of Arts.