

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents the general of the paper. It consists of research background, statement of problem, research objective, the research significance, definition of key terms and previous study.

1.1.1. Research Background

Language is a tool for social interaction. Language is a very important tool that humans have, language comprises conventional spoken or written symbols or even gesture used by human to communicate with one other. In Human life, communication is often confronted with each other in container both formal and informal. Formal communication style using language that is more structured, less sociable, personality becomes more regular, and rarely use inappropriate jokes and emotions more manageable. Casual communication style is more relaxed and use everyday language structure is more slang. This communication style is more likely to play around and make jokes and emotions more freely to be expressed.

Billionger (1975: 14) says, “Language is a system of vocal auditory communication, interacting with the experience of its user, employing conventional signs composed of arbitrary patterned sound units and assembled according to set rules.” Or in the other words means that language is a system of communication tools in vocal auditory using conventional signs and symbols that has been assembled.

Generally used by the poet to create some special effect and to make it more imaginative. Moreover, figurative language is not used only in the poetry. This can be applied in the song lyric too. A song lyric, as a part of literary work which uses literary language and ambiguously words. As Perrine said in his book "*Literature: Structure, Sound, and Sense*" (1997: 6), literature is kind of art, usually written, that offers pleasure and illumination. Later on, most of lyrics use figurative and ambiguous language to simulate a certain image. It affects the language beauty of work in both oral and written. It is a poet that pronounced with rhyme, tone, bars, and melody accompanied by music.

Lyrics in westerns music not only used to denotative meaning to express message from singer but also connotative meaning. Connotative meaning happens because the singer wishes to make agreement, disagree, happy, unhappy, etc, for the listeners. Many kinds of literature give us so much information in which they use non literal meaning of words. For example, some lyric on the songs uses figurative language to make it more interesting and imaginative. Figurative language is language using figures of speech (a way of saying one thing and meaning another). It is associated with lyric of the song uses figurative language. There are many types of figurative language such as: metaphor, simile, symbols, hyperbola, irony, etc. But in general, the figurative language is differentiated into four groups, they are: confirmation, comparison, opposition, and allusion. These figurative languages are famous in society, and also in the field of education starting from elementary school up to the university level.

According to Oxford dictionary expression is the expression of emotions or feelings in the process of creating art, the expression can be actualized through the media. Expression is one way to show the feeling she or he was experiencing, be it when you're

sad, disappointed, angry, happy and so forth. The expression can be poured or indicated by facial expression, tone of voice, gesture or in writing (poem, song lyrics or other literary work).

The term of disappointment is to indicate the unpleasant feeling that occurs when desired expectations of sufficient importance do not come true. It may also be the case that disappointment can be used not only to draw somebody else's attention to those feelings, but with the express intention of evoking a reaction in the other person.

The object in this research is song lyrics. Song lyrics is an expression of someone about something that has been seen, heard or experienced. In expressing his experience, the writer or the creator of the song plays a game of words and language to create attraction and uniqueness of the lyrics. Definition of song lyric can be considered as a literary work, because the language used in this song lyrics is different from the language used in daily or can be said full of ambiguity. To support that interpretation, researcher uses figurative language and the disappointment expressed in Led Zeppelin song lyrics.

Led Zeppelin were an English rock band formed in London in 1968. The group consisted of vocalist Robert Plant, guitarist Jimmy Page, bassist/keyboardist John Paul Jones, and drummer John Bonham. With a heavy, guitar-driven sound, they are cited as one of the progenitors of hard rock and heavy metal, although their style drew from a variety of influences, including blues and folk music. Led Zeppelin have been credited as significantly impacting the nature of the music industry, particularly in the development of album-oriented rock (AOR) and stadium rock. Led Zeppelin are one of the best-selling music artists of all time; their total record sales are estimated to be between 200 to 300 million units worldwide. They achieved eight consecutive UK number-one albums and

six number-one albums on the US Billboard 200, with five of their albums certified Diamond in the US. Rolling Stone magazine described them as "the heaviest band of all time", "the biggest band of the Seventies", and "unquestionably one of the most enduring bands in rock history". They were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1995; the museum's biography of the band states that they were "as influential" during the 1970s as the Beatles were during the 1960s.

Led Zeppelin have collected many honors and awards throughout the course of their career. They were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1995, and the UK Music Hall of Fame in 2006. Among the band's awards are an American Music Award in 2005, and the Polar Music Prize in 2006. Led Zeppelin were the recipient of a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005 and four of their recordings have been inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame. They have been awarded five Diamond albums, as well as fourteen Multi-Platinum, four Platinum and one Gold album in the United States, while in the UK they have five Multi-Platinum, six Platinum, one Gold and four Silver albums. Rolling Stone named Led Zeppelin the 14th-greatest artist of all time in 2004. According to musicologist Robert Walser, "Led Zeppelin's sound was marked by speed and power, unusual rhythmic patterns, contrasting terraced dynamics, singer Robert Plant's wailing vocals, and guitarist Jimmy Page's heavily distorted crunch".

These elements mean that they are often cited as one of the originators of hard rock and heavy metal and they have been described as the "definitive heavy metal band", although the band members have often eschewed the label.

This study analyzes the lyrics of the Led Zeppelin song lyrics because it had the attractiveness varied. This research investigated the expression of style or

disappointment, which contained the song lyrics of Led Zeppelin stylistics term of study. This study in terms of study-related stylistic includes the use of the concepts of figurative language and expression (Widdowson, 1979: 202).

The reason of choose the topic is because the expression of disappointment in Led Zeppelin song lyrics is less known by the people and the research has a lack in number. So that, the researcher is motivated to research this topic with the result that the research is feasible to do.

1.2. Statement of Problem

This present writing analyzes figurative language aspect on Led Zeppelin's song lyrics. Furthermore, this paper examines and explain the meaning of the lyrics that contain of figure of speech. The way people understanding and interpreting song's lyrics sometimes are not accurate when the researcher used many of figurative language aspect in the lyrics, that's why the study of meaning is always interesting to be analyzed.

Related to the background of the problem above, the research questions can be formulated as follows:

1. What types of figurative language expressed in the song lyrics of Led Zeppelin?
2. How is the disappointment expressed in the song lyrics of Led Zeppelin?

1.3. Research Objective

The purposes of the research and the aims of the study are described below. The researcher divided the problems into two objectives. In case of the relation with the issue of the research, generally, the study aims to:

1. To find out figurative language in the song lyrics of Led Zeppelin.
2. To know the diction of disappointment expressed in the song lyrics of Led Zeppelin.

1.4. Research Significance

The expression of disappointment and figurative language are always concerned in the song lyrics because these two items are always support to know what is the language used and stylistics in song lyrics.

The research has significance; theoretically. The research contributes the theoretical significance regarding to literature. The research product is hoped to be able to increase the development and understanding of characters, especially in the field of literature. Literature is a term that does not have a universally accepted definition, but which has variably included all written work; writing that possesses literary merit; and language that foregrounds literariness, as opposed to ordinary language. Significance of this analysis is to give more understanding about expression of disappointment and figurative language found in literary works especially song lyrics. The significance of the research can divided in several there are:

1. The Theoretical of The Significance

The theoretical significances are to enlarge the knowledge of stylistics; and to enrich the research of linguistic and literary study therefore it will be more various.

2. The Practical of The Significance

The practical significances are to provide further knowledge about type and kind of figurative language to provide comprehensive understanding about the building of social theme, or message conveying of the song's lyrics.

1.5. Definition of Key Terms

To avoid ambiguity and misunderstanding on the terms which are used in this research, the researcher defines some key terms as follows:

1. Expression Disappointment: According to Oxford dictionary expression is the expression of emotions or feelings in the process of creating art, the expression can be actualized through the media. The sound of music media; media art is a line, plane and color; media dance is movement, sound and play (Purwadarminto, 1976:667). Expression is one way to show the feeling she or he was experiencing, be it when feel sad, disappointed, angry, happy and so forth. The expression can be poured or indicated by facial expression, tone of voice, gesture or in writing (poem, song lyrics or other literary work). According to explanation, expression in the text or lyrics we can see from the words. Not from the word but also from sentence, the writer will explain about his feeling by words.
2. Led Zeppelin: Led Zeppelin were an English rock band formed in London in 1968.

3. Song Lyrics: Song lyrics as one of the building elements in a song or music can be categorized as poetry in literary works. This is appropriate with some following statements. Depdiknas (2008) explains that lyrics are part of literature (poems) that contain an outpouring of personal feelings.

1.6. Previous Study

This study is different from previous studies. This study aims to determine the stylistic expressions of disappointment in the lyrics of the songs of Led Zeppelin. From above discussion, the authors chose the lyrics of the song as an object of research entitled, “The Expression of Disappointment in Led Zeppelin’s song lyrics”.

The study is expected to be more up something that is not explicitly visible or not easily digest the meaning of the lyrics of the song. Led Zeppelin’s song lyrics have a character that cannot be obtained by writing the musicians as well as poets in general. This is not a follow-up study of previous research, as for previous studies resembling current research and development as a basic reference in this study is Rosmayanti (2012): By using qualitative method, she attempted to analyze the expression in the song lyric and to find out that of all the expressions of thankfulness and thankfulness by heart is more dominantly used in song lyrics. Kudratullah (2011), His research is to analyze lyrical styles of the Greatest Hits album of Blink-182 as poetry by using stylistic approach and to find out the moral values on song lyrics of the Greatest Hits album of Blink-182.