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ABSTRACT

The aim of this research is to find and describe sad expressions found in James Arthur song lyrics based on the theory proposed by Goleman (1997). Emotional expression or emotion refers to feeling and its special thought, some biological condition, and physiological condition act. This research discusses what are the kinds of sad expressions found in the song lyrics of James Arthur and how are the sadness expressed in the song lyrics of James Arthur. In doing this research writer would like to use qualitative methods. The source of data in this study is the song lyrics of James Arthur. There are eight song lyrics from different albums that will be the source of the data in this research. After the writer collected the data, the writer will be analyzed and interpreted the data in the table. From the data, the writer found nine expressions of sadness contained in the lyrics of James Arthur's song, of the eleven types of expressions of sadness that were classified according to Goleman, namely (1) Pain (2) Sad (3) Gloomy (4) Depressed (5) Melancholic (6) Pathetic (7) Lonely (8) Desperate (9) Rejected, and was not found expressions of hazy and vague were found because in the data there were no lyrics that matched those emotions. The writer also finds additionally discovered two different ways to communicate emotion, they're literal and non-literal. In non-literal the writer only found four figurative languages, that is a metaphor, simile, personification, and hyperbola. All of the findings will be discussed in this thesis.

Keywords: Sadness, Song Lyrics of James Arthur, and Figurative Language

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the writer has several points related to this research. The points consist of the Background of the research, Limitation of the research, Research questions, Purposes of the research and Significance of the research.

1.1 Background of the Research

Communication is very important thing that we have to do in our life. We communicate with others to build a relationship and give the information which is needed. Language is one of the tools of communication that we have. Delahunty and Garvey (2010) argue that language is a system for connecting thoughts that can't be heard, seen, or touched with sounds, letters, manual signs, or tactile symbols (e.g., Braille). We need a language to talk with other people so that we are able to convey the message or information and there is no miscommunication between speaker and hearer. In communication, people share their thoughts, feelings, ideas in many ways, one of them is through song. Song is a part of music which consists of melody, rhythm, and also lyrics.

Songs have become one of the effective ways to express feelings and deliver the message. We can see that a lot of people love to listen to the songs and write the songs to share and tell their feelings. One part of the song is the lyrics. Lyrics are every word that builds the song and have special meanings. Lyrics can tell many things such as love, sadness, friendship, broken heart, religion, etc.

In this research, I choose the aspect of sadness as the object of the research. There are many expressions of sadness found in the lyrics of the song, especially in the songs of James Arthur. James Arthur is an English singer and songwriter. He started writing and recording songs when he was 15 years old as an artist without a contract or solo and in many bands. He rose to prominence after winning the ninth series The X Factor in 2012. His debut single, a cover of Shontelle's Impossible, was released by Syco Music after the finale and debuted at number one on the UK Single Chart. The next single, You Are Nobody til' Somebody Loves You, reached number 2 on the UK Single Chart. There are a total of 8 James Arthur songs that the writer will analyze, that is: *Impossible, Naked, Empty Space, Rewrite the Stars, Can I Be Him, Safe Inside, You're Nobody 'til Somebody Loves You, and Train Wreck.*

This research design entitled "An Analysis of Sadness Expression Found in James Arthur Song Lyrics" tries to describe the kinds of sadness expression and ways to express of sadness in James Arthur's song lyrics and better understand the expressions of sadness while doing research and for all music lovers and fans.

To assess the sadness expression, the sadness expression was obtained from song lyrics. Sadness expressions are divided into 11 categories by Goleman (1997): pain, sad, gloomy, depressed, hazy, vague, melancholic, pathetic, lonely, desperate, and rejected. Sadness itself is a typical feeling experienced in response to the loss of an important or meaningful thing or person in one's life.

The writer choose this topic because there are still people who do not understand that if every song has a deep meaning in some of the song's lyrics, if

understood, the message behind the song will be more felt by the listener, and the writer also realizes that every time the writer listens to the song, there are many expressions of sadness that can be found in the lyrics. The writer chose a song from James Arthur because in the song several songs are hits among young people and are also often heard by the writer, then the song James Arthur is the right choice to be the object of research, and the writer can better understand the message behind the lyrics, James Arthur. That is why the writer chose to analyze the kinds of sadness expression and ways to expressed sadness on the song lyrics of James Arthur.

1.2 Limitation of the Research

In this research, the writer limits the research to the two discussions, namely “the kinds of expressions of sadness used in the song lyrics of James Arthur's and ways to expressed sadness in the song lyrics of James Arthur”. This research data will be collected from various songs that contain expressions of sadness in the lyrics. In this research, the songs that will be analyzed by the writer may contain more than one expression, but in this study the writer only analyzed the expressions of sadness.

1.3 Research Questions

Based on the objective and the scope of the study there are two research questions that will help the writer. The question formulated into:

1. What are the kinds of sad expressions in the song lyrics of James Arthur?
2. How are the sadness expressed in the song lyrics of James Arthur?

1.4 Purposes of the Research

The purpose of this research is:

1. To find the kinds of sad expressions in the song lyrics of James Arthur.
2. To describe how the sadness expressed in the song lyrics of James Arthur.

1.5 Significance of the Research

This research will be useful for readers to know more about sadness expression and the research theoretically can be added for the next researcher who is interested in sadness expression. Besides having beneficial additional information, the research practically can help the readers more understand about sadness expression, there are about the kinds of sadness and ways to express sadness on the song lyrics.

Hopefully, the result of this research will enrich the reader's understanding about sadness expression, and can give contribution or feedback in teaching and learning English Linguistic, especially pragmatic study and more specifically about the expression of sadness, then can give inspiration to other students who want to develop similar researches in the future.