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ABSTRACT

Love is one of those topics that has always been interesting to discuss from the past to the present because love is a powerful human feeling that can be conveyed literally and nonliterally. In this research, the writer analyzes love expression through the words used in Justin Bieber's lyrics. This research aims to describe the types of love expressions and explain how the words are used to convey the feelings of love in the album Believe (2012). The writer uses the qualitative method. The writer presented the data in a descriptive paragraph. The data of this research were taken from Believe's (2012) album which consists of 13 songs. The results of this study reveal that there are so many ways to express the feeling of love other than the word *I love you*, which people generally use to convey their feelings of love. The emotional expression of love is confirmed by 50 data. The details are as follows: (1) the types of love expressions such as affection, lust, and longing (2) the uses of vocabulary to express the feelings of love (3) expressions of love used figuratively. The writer found that affection was the most frequent type of love identified in 34 out of 50 data. The lust type of love was found in 4 data and the last type of longing was found in 11 data. Literal words of love expressions were identified in 34 out of 50 data. These include *beautiful*, *love*, *baby, my girlfriend, my love*, *kiss*, *señorita,* and *ma chérie*. Hyperbole is a figure of speech that is most widely used to express feelings of love in Justin Bieber's song lyrics. Besides that, the writer found 2 data of metaphor, 1 data of personification, and 3 data of simile.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the problem

Humans use language to express their feelings verbally and non-verbal. It means that language verbally expresses feelings and emotions through the use of words. Nonverbal forms included facial expressions, gestures, paralinguistics such as loudness or tone of voice, body language, eye contact, and so on. Wilce (2009) says that language is full of emotion. Wilce also realizes that language is full of feeling in context or "feeling language". It means that language is used to express emotion through words.

According to Staats (1975), emotion is divided into two types. First is a positive emotional state, which is said to be glad, happy, joyful, in love, delighted, pleased, and so on. The second type is a negative emotional state, which may also be spoken of as angry, upset, hateful, fearful, unhappy, and so on. Ekman and Friesen (1971) codified six basic or primary emotions in facial expressions: anger, disgust, fear, happiness, sadness, and surprise. Meanwhile, Parrott (2001), composed the main six emotions, namely love, joy, surprise, anger, sadness, and fear.

In this research, the writer examines the emotional expression of love because there are so many English vocabularies that can be used to convey feelings of love other than the word "I love you" which is generally used by people to convey their feelings.

Love is a powerful human feeling that can be conveyed literally and nonliterally. Literal means that love is expressed through employing words in their correct contexts. Non-literal language refers to the use of words in figures of speech, often known as figurative language. There are many different perspectives on it in literature. Elder (2004) defines figurative language as a "figure of speech," "rhetorical figure," and "metaphorical language". Figures of speech, often known as figurative language, are used to compare-paint a picture in people's minds, it's the same thing with new names (Elder,2004).

In general, songwriters use figurative language to convey feelings. This is so that the meaning that the songwriter wants to convey can be felt by the listener but is a little more difficult to understand. Music conveys emotion with many of the same indications as the human voice (Ekman,1992). Music is the fundamental component of songs, and lyrics are the second component (Dallin,1994). Lyrics play a significant role in the songs, even if they are only the second part. Lyrics provide the audience with a thorough comprehension of the song's content; in other words, lyrics clarify the song's message.

The writer selects a song lyric for analysis in this research because people nowadays listen to music not just to enjoy it, but also to convey their feelings through the words and melodies, especially when they are in love. A love song is a song about falling in love and heartbreak after a romantic relationship ends. Songs about love can be found in a variety of musical genres. This love song also can be found in the works of some well-known performers, such as Justin Bieber, Adele, Taylor Swift, Beyonce, Sam Smith, Pamungkas, and others.

In this research, the writer will analyze Justin Bieber's song lyrics. The focus of this research will be on love expressions through words used in Justin Bieber's Lyrics. The writer is drawn to Justin Bieber because, first and foremost, he is a well-known singer in the world who has written his love song. Second, his song lyrics contained a wide range of emotional expressions such as love, sadness, disappointment, and so on. Third, his love songs truly love songs that tell love is happy, upset, disappointed, sad, and heartbroken.

1.2 Limitation of the problem

Based on the explanation in the background of the research, many aspects can be analyzed from Justin Bieber's song lyrics, such as speech act, grammatical errors, and denotative and connotative meaning. In this research, the writer limits the problem to be analyzed, namely the emotional expression of love found in the lyrics of the song Justin Bieber, especially on types of love expressions used in Justin Bieber's lyrics and how the words used to convey the feelings of love in Believe album (2012). Believe is Justin Bieber's third studio album. It was released on June 15, 2012, with Genres: Pop, R&B, and hip hop with Mike Posner, Mason Levy, Timbaland, and Rodney "Darkchild" Jerkins as producers which consists of 13 songs.

1.3 Research questions

Based on the background of the research, the writer poses the following research questions:

1. What are the types of love expressions used in Justin Bieber's Lyrics?
2. How are the words used to convey the feelings of love?

1.4 The purpose of the research

Based on the research questions above, the purposes of this research are:

1. To describe the types of love expressions that are used in Justin Bieber's Lyrics.
2. To explain how the words are used to convey the feelings of love.

1.5 Significance of the research

This research is expected to make a substantial contribution to linguistic science, specifically in the context of emotional expression, with a focus on love expression. Theoretically, this research can be used in a variety of linguistic fields, particularly on the topic of the emotional expression of love, and it can help the reader gain a better understanding of emotional expression in literary works, especially in song lyrics.