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Abstract

A poem is not always understandable. In fact, not many people can easily interpret the real message behind a whole poem or even only a line of a poem. This phenomena occurs because there are many words use that are not related with the topic. This can generate a confusion in the reader. Therefore, the writer is intrigued to analyze the poem especially the ones that are made by William Wordsworth (1798-1850). This paper focuses on the metaphor and metaphorical mappings contained in the number of William Wordsworth poems. The purpose of this paper is to find the metaphor and metaphorical mappings contained in those poems. The theories used in analyzing the data are the theories proposed by Lakoff & Johnson (1980) and Kovecses (2003). Metaphor is a comparison between two things essentially unlike, and can be similarly expressed and understood across cultures for it enlightens and structure human experience. Further discussion of the meaning of the metaphor is defined based on the content of the entire poem. Qualitative method is applied in the collection of the data. The analysis is performed by selecting some poems and take them as the data. From the data analysis, the writer finds five of metaphors to express happiness, love, animal, nature and life. There are 12 poems that analyze by the writer, metaphor to express love commonly found in this poem, and the least is found in the poem is metaphor to express animal. In addition, the writer also finds the metaphorical mappings that are frequently appear in the poems by William Wordswoth. Ultimately, the results of this analysis are presented in the form of words or phrases and are supported with tables to clarify the results of the analysis.

Keywords: metaphors, metaphorical mappings, poems, William Wordsworth

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Problems

As social being, human need to interact each other. People always communicate to interact with one another. Language is a tool for communication especially to express feeling and emotion. Communication can be built if there is an understanding between the speakers and the hearers in other word, that is the source domain and the target domain. Communication has literal and non-literal meanings. One of them uses figurative language.

Figurative language is used in any form of communication, such as in daily conversation, television, articles in magazine, newspaper, advertisements, novels, poems, *etc*. It is because figurative language has the essence of style and beauty. Figurative usage to help and stimulate the imagination of the reader or shadow power to describe what he was reading it in its own wishful thinking. It means that figurative language is the best thing to support what the writer means. There are many kinds of figurative language. Dealing with the figurative language, there is one kind of figurative language that often used in daily activity by using analogy to something else, that is metaphor.

Metaphor is part of figurative language, it is an implicit comparison in which idea or mind is compared with another idea or mind through a similarity characteristic between the two ideas or mind. According to Lakoff and Johnson (1980) metaphor is a way of conceiving of one thing with the other thing and its

primary function is to understanding. Metaphor is the expression of an understanding of one concept in terms of another concept, where there is similarity or correlation between the two words. Metaphor is a figure of speech which concisely compares two things by saying that the one is the other. It is considered implied comparison without using (like or as). Look at the following example given by Lakoff and Johnson (1980): “Time is money ”. Time is (target domain) and money is (source domain). The comparison between time and money, which is possibly the way that time is very precious that can not be dumped. Meanwhile, time is money mean wasting time. The time as valuable as money. It only makes sense when the similarities between the two things become apparent or someone understands the connection between the two words.

As a member of modern society, people cannot be separated from thewriting and reading. Writing is a way used to express creativities, ideas,and also imagination. Nowadays, words to give advice not only can get from the speakers mouth only, as is commonly heard in the media, but can be found in the poem. Poem can be one thing to give a curiosity about the work of the authors.Nevertheless, the language of poem precisely has a specific value for a poet. It illustrates many subjects of life. The specific objects of the analysis in this thesis from in the number of poems.

There are some literary works that include novel, song, poem, short story, movie. Many researcher has also discussed metaphor in their papers, such as Murdani (2014) which had been analyze *Metaphor as Found in the Jakarta Post Newspaper*, found that newspaper can be employed by people to know how

metaphor in language about politic issues in newspaper. Furthermore, Hakim, (2009) *A Semantic Analysis of Metaphor Found in Selected Lyrics*, which had previously been analyzed metaphor, he found that song lyrics also great in expressing their ideas through words of their lyrics, not only the music they play.The writer also continue to analysis metaphor but not from the newspaper and song lyrics, but taken the data objects in a number of poems.

The case studies to explain the metaphor can be conveyed in poem. Poem is one of creative form, because it has expression of heart voice and strong mind that written in beautiful stanza and expressed with many style. The poet using poem to communicate with beautiful language to the sense, imagination and experience of life. Languages have more function for us, not only to communicate verbally, but also to express our minds and feelings, for example in writing.

There are many poets or authors in the world who have many literary works, including poems. One of the poets who use metaphor in his work is William Wordsworth. The writer chooses William Wordsworth's poem, as the subject of analysis because William Wordsworth's poems categorizes as natural and romanticsm poetry. The other reasons which is interesting from William Wordsworth's poems is because he always describes his idea about natures and romanticismin with many figures of speech, for example is a metaphor.

William Wordsworth (1770-1850) was a major Romantic poet, based in the Lake District, England. William Wordsworth was an early leader of romanticism (a literary movement that celebrated nature and concentrated on

human emotions) in English poetry and ranks as one of the greatest lyric poets in the history of English literature. His poems are frequently inspired by the beauty of nature and he is known as one of the greatest English poets. Wordsworth also the direction of English poetry. With Coleridge, Keats and Shelley, Wordsworth helped create a much more spontaneous and emotional poetry. It sought to depict the beauty of nature and the quintessential depth of human emotion.

There are more poems of William Wordsworth that can be analyzed, The poems that use metaphor are: Perfect Woman, Daffodils, The World is Too Much With Us, England 1-5 , A Character, From the Italian of Michael Angelo, Evening on Calais Beach, Speak!, The Mad Mother, The Brother, She Dwelt Among the Untrodden Ways, The Tubles Turn, I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud, Nutting, Nightiangale! Thou Surely Art, A Complaint.

The reason why the writer is interested to analyze metaphor in the poem. In modern era, poem is not familiar again, especially to teenagers. Poem often has difficult word to understand, because sometimes the author used the implicit sentences. Poems usually have themes but the poem also tries to create an emotional effect and make an association between things and idea that are not related. That is the reason why analyzing metaphor in poems it is very important. To support the explanation, look at the following example:

1. *That person* is *scoundrel*

> In the phrase above, person is compared to crocodile, it does not mean that the *person* is *crocodile* but the *person* as *scoundrel*. It is used to describe a man who does not have responsibility because it is known that he likes to temp women.
>
> (Keraf, 1986:136)

Both of sentence provide that metaphor. This research gives a little understanding about metaphor to the readers especial who want read a poem. Inpoem, the readers was only read and understand. But not specific about the metaphor. So, this is the reason why the writer is interested to analyzed because the writer wants to improve insight to readers and and invites the reader to know what a metaphor is contained in this poems. The writer chooses to analyze in the William Wordsworth poems because of this poems is very famous and uses romanticism.

1.2 Identification of the Problem

There are many figure of speech in the number of poems. The writer only choose metaphor that can be analyzed. In this research, the writer focuses on to find out two problems. The two problems that the writer wants to find out the metaphor and the metaphorical mappings occurs in thenumber of William Wordsworth poems based on Lakoff and Johnson theory (1980).

1.3 Limitation of the Problem

The writer can limit on the analysis this research method in the process to collect information and the data. In this study the research can be divided taken from the words or phrase in the number of William Wordsworth poems. This research is analyzing the metaphor, and the metaphorical mappings of each metaphor to be analyzed from the data.

1.4 Research Questions

The writer has research question to understand and to make it easier to be analyzed in this study and these are the research questions as follow :

1. What are the metaphor used in the poems?
2. How are the concept of metaphorical mappings used in the poems?

1.5 Purpose of the Research

The writer has a purpose to study about metaphor as follow :

1. To find out the metaphor in the number of William Wordsworth poems
2. To describe the concept of metaphorical mappings in the number of William Wordsworth poems.

1.6 Significance of the Research

By doing this research, the writer wants this study become a great significance for the reader. The writer hopes the result of the research has significance and give contribution to the development of linguistic study especially of metaphor inthe number of William Wordsworth poems.

From this research, the writer hopes the reader get new knowledge about the metaphor in poems, not only read but know the meaning. The writer wants to people become easy to understanding and interesting when read or discuss the metaphor because it is usefull for daily life. The writer also hopes someday the reader can make this research as inspiration for the future. Morever, the writer hopes the finding of the research could be help the reader to understand the

meaning of the poem, to additional reference, and this research can give some knowledge to others people.