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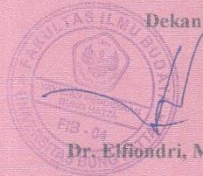
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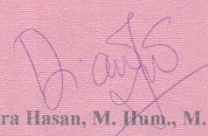
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### ABSTRACT

The study discuss personification write presented in a number of poems. The study is focused on the type of personification and the comparison of human characteristic to inanimate object and animal. The purposes are to find out the type of personification and the comparison in the personification. Furthermore, to reach out the purpose, the study applies qualitative method and best on the theory of personification. The result of the study is that in a number of the poems contains personification which the types of animal and inanimate object. The human characteristic is compared with the animal and inanimate object. The writer of the poems uses the several type or personification to make the poems interesting and deliver to the message to the reader.

***Keywords : personification, inanimate object, animal, poems***

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# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. Background of the Research

Language is one of the important element in human life as media and tools in communicate to deliver and receive message in communication. But using of language in communication is not only in conversation but also in telling the story in monologue way. Language consist of sentence, and the smallest part of language is word which have meaning that consist of the idea that speaker want to express. Meaning has a several types, some of the type of meaning are denotative and connotative meaning. Denotative meaning is the real meaning of language but it contrasts with connotative meaning, connotative meaning is the unreal meaning of language. Usually connotative meaning can be seen in fairy tale story or children short story, like poem.

The poem that writer take as the subject are poem from number of poems. In poems, mostly of the poem contains interesting sentence. Interesting sentence can be a good way to make the readers interest to read the poem. Interesting sentence can help the reader of the poem easy to visualize and understand what author wants to describe to the reader. Mostly of interesting sentence in the poem using figurative language. The number of poems consists of several poems from many poets such as William Shakespeare, William Wordsworth, William Blake, Robert Herrick, Ann Taylor, Leigh Hunt. Most of them are good poet and they usually use figurative language in their poems. Based on the poem, the writer comes up with semantic approach. Semantic approach is the part of linguistic that concerned with meaning. In this study write focus to analyze the figurative language that

used in poem, because figurative language is the part of the semantic approach. According to Cuddon (1999: 279) figurative language is language which uses figure of speech, to make the language distinguished from literal language. Figurative language has many kinds. The author of poem using figurative language to help reader visualize and understand what the author describes in their story.

In this study, the researcher interest in studying the figurative language that used in the number of poems. As known as well that language is the ability to acquire and use complex systems of communication, particularly the human ability to do so, and language is any specific example of such a system. To facilitate the researcher in researching the study, the researcher used the theory of figurative language.

## **1.2. Identification and Limitation of the Problem**

This research is about to find and analyze the Figurative Language. Figurative Language can be found in movie, short story, song lyrics and many more. But in this research, the researcher only focus to analyze the personification in the number of poems and limit to only analyze 11 poems which only contain of personification.

## **1.3. Formulation of the Problem**

Based on the background the mainly problem of this research is to know how the personification that used by in poems. The researcher tries to identify the research question:

1. What are Personification found in poem?

2. What is compared with human is the personification?

#### **1.4. Purpose of the Research**

In writing this research, researcher wants to achieve the purpose, the purposes of the research are:

1. To find out personification used in the poem.
2. To find out animals, inanimate object, or concept which is compared with human in the personification.

#### **1.5. Significance of the Research**

Based on the background of the study, the writer expects that the study will give a meaningful contribution to the semantic study and enlarge the view of the students of English Department, in particular, to answer public curiosity why the language in the children poem is much more interesting and unique. The writer hopes that this research could be a reference in another study in researching figurative language, became the inspiration for researchers who will examine semantic, especially in figurative language.