

THE EXPRESSION OF SADNESS IN SONG LYRICS

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ABSTRACT

Sadness as a subject has received a lot of attention in history of popular music. Artist prefer to channel their sadness into their work leaving us with the endless song about everything from breakup to addiction to death. This thesis which entitled “The Expression of Sadness in Song Lyrics” aims to examine an aspects of sadness in song. The lyrics of male singer were chosen for this purpose. The song are *When I was your man*, *Jealous*, *Stay with me*, *I am not the only one*, *Talking to the moon*, *Someone you loved* and *Bad*.

The idea of sadness reflected through the word that create up song. The writer selected the data sources dealing with the relevant theme in Spotify and then adjust it with Structuralism theory. The data are the song lyrics which contain sadness theme in love relationship. The song come from 5 singers they are Bruno Mars, Labrinth, Sam Smith, Lewis Capaldi and James Bay. All of the data leading on Billboard Hot 100 chart.

The result show sadness portrayed in male singer song lyrics. The writer found that dictions used to express sadness are the dictions commonly used in everyday live, such as the words hurt, cry, down, deep, tears. Meanwhile figurative language are used to describe sadness more clearly, so that readers can enjoy the lyrics. Sadness occur in the love relationship between the speaker and the love, it associated with temporary or permanent loss in relationship yet being disappointed because unexpected result. Sadness exist where the speaker misses the lover, separated by a loved one and where there is a betrayal love. The speakers look low and desperate sometime life seems underwhelming.

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