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## Abstract

The research aims to describe how the words are used to express the feeling of love. This paper deals with the emotional expression of love as seen in song lyrics. Love can be described as an intense feeling of affection, an emotion or an emotion state. Love as a significant emotion of human can be expressed by literal and non literal. In this paper, the writer will discuss about how the words are used to express the feeling of love (literal, non-literal and repetition), what the types of love and what contexts influenced such love expressions. The source of the data was taken from Bruno Mars' lyrics. In this research, the writer used semantic and pragmatics approaches in analyzing the data and in collecting the data the writer used qualitative method. The theories used in the analysis are love as basic emotion, types of love and context (Parrot, 2001, Stenberg, 1988, and Crabtee, 1991). Then the writer represents the data analysis in informal way. The results show that there are 55 data in expressing love found Bruno Mars' lyrics, the detail as follows: literally love, liking and desire which are love emotion are expressed through various words such as, *love, kiss, sex* and *sexy*, non-literally is expressed more by using hyperbole, and there are found five types of love and only three contexts that influence the lyrics; linguistic context, epistemic context and interpersonal context.

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# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of the Problem

Emotion is a part of human life which relate to psychology changes and various feelings. Emotion is a stimulation reaction from outside and within the individual. Its major function is to give information to the individual about the feeling, ideas, message, thought with others. A person has more than one emotion. According to Staats, A. W. (1975:78) emotion is divided into two types. First is positive emotional state, which said to be glad, happy, joyful, in love, delighted, pleased, and so on. The second type is negative emotional state, which may also be spoken as angry, upset, hateful, fearful, unhappy, and so on. It means that emotion will occur when people are happy and in a good condition, such as falling in love or when they get what they want is included in positive emotional state. Indeed, positive emotions are believed to be powerful signals that life is going well (Fredrickson, 2009).

According to Lucas, S. (2009), verbal communication is classified into ‘the speaker’s ‘voice’, they are: volume, pitch, rate, pauses, variety, pronunciation, articulation, and dialect. Non-verbal communication is classified into ‘the speaker’s body’, they are: posture, gestures, facial expressions, eye contact, and movement. It

means that the emotion is expressed or communicated through words, faces, voices, and bodies.

In verbal form, human uses language to express their feeling by literal. It means that language realize the feeling and emotion verbally by using the words. In nonverbal form, the emotion will push changes the person's mood, example when a person feel excited so that in psychologically seen laughing, and when sad emotions encourage someone to behave in tears. This is how the emotion communicates in human life. Talking about relationship between emotion and language, Wilce, M. J (2009) says language is full of emotion. Wilce also realizes that the language is full of feeling in context or "feelingful language". It means that language is used in expression emotion through the words.

In this research, the writer chooses love expression which included in positive emotional state. Love is a constellation of emotion and experiences related to a sense of strong affection or profound oneness. Love has a distinct place in Izard, C. E. (1991), he viewed love as basic to the human condition, as involving strong, affection ally based social attachments, to be full of interest and joy (1991, p. 407). Like many psychologists who had written about love, Izard distinguished between various types: love for parents, love for siblings and love in a romantic sense. Izard (1991) also characterized joy as involving a sense of confidence and contentment, and often as including a feeling of either being lovable or, more specifically, loved.

Love as a significant emotion of human can be expressed by literal and non literal. Literal means that love is expressed by using the words directly according

their proper meanings, for example by using word ‘love’, ‘adore’, ‘like’, ‘amour’, *etc.* Non literal means using words in figures of speech or known as figurative language. Warinner (in Tarigan, 1985:179) explained that figurative language is used imaginatively and not literary. Thus when having to understand it, people have to think deeper. It is not intended to be interpreted in literal sense. Appealing to the imagination, figurative language provides new ways of looking at the new world. It always makes the use of comparison between different things. The effectiveness of figurative language in four main reasons, Perrine, L. (1982) First, figurative language affords readers imaginative pleasure of literary works. Second, it is a way of bringing additional imagery into verse, making the abstract concrete, making literary works more sensuous. The third, figurative is a way of adding emotional intensity to otherwise merely informative statements and conveying attitudes along with information. She divides figurative language into seven types, namely metaphor, simile, personification, metonymy, paradox, overstatement, understatement, irony and illusion. Look at the following example:

*(1) She is a flower*

The example (1) explained the figure of speech of metaphor. “She” as the third person is considered being equal to “flower” as the second subject. The comparison is direct, without using words “like” or ‘as’ (SIL, 2004).

Generally, figurative language is often used by the song writer in creating a lyric song to express the emotion. It aims to satisfy the reader curiosity and excitement but it has difficulties in understand the meaning. According to Keltner, D.

and Ekman, P. (2003) Music, it appears, conveys emotion with many of the same cues as does the human voice. There are some similarities between a song and a poem. A song has to be rhythmic and so does a poem. Rhythm is one of the important elements in both songs and poetry. In fact, there is even a form of poetry which is made into music called a lyric poem. They can be used in songs to express the thoughts and feelings of the author/ song writer.

In this research, the writer chooses song lyric to be analyzed. Nowadays beside to enjoy, people also listen the music to express their feeling through the lyrics and sounds, especially, when they are falling in love. Love song is a song about being in love, falling in love, heartbreak upon the ending of a loving relationship, and the feelings that these experiences bring. Love songs can be found in many musical genres. This love song also can be found from some famous singers with their masterpiece, such as Bruno Mars, Adele, Taylor Swift, Beyonce, Sam Smith, Passenger, and so on.

In this research, the writer chooses Bruno Mars's song lyrics to be analyzed. This study will focuses on love expressions that are expressed through the words. The reason why the writer is interested to choose Bruno Mars are because, first he known as a famous singer in America with his own love song. Second, his song lyrics had so many emotional expressions such as love, sadness, disappointed, and so on and third, the types of his love song is really love song which tells more story about happy love or romantic love which is blossoming, whereas the others singer more telling about love but in broken situation or love in sadness.

## **1.2 Identification of the Problem**

Love expression can be seen from people behavior, act, attitude, words and can be imagined by literary art, poetry, and lyrics. Especially in song lyrics, the writer can find some emotional expression such as, happiness, love, sadness, fear, anger, and so on. In addition, Bruno Mars is known as a famous singer with his romantic song telling about love expression.

Song lyric can be analyzed from language style, figurative, cohesion, lexical, and grammatical. Song lyrics also can be analyzed from the meaning, messages, intonation, and emotion. Emotions that occur in novel, movie, short story, poetry, and song lyric are expressed verbally (words) and non-verbally like mimics, gestures, a body movement, voice intonation, and facial expression.

## **1.3 Limitation of the Problem**

In this research, the writer focuses on finding emotional expression. And because there are many of emotional expression exist in Bruno Mars's song lyrics, the writer limits on expression of love only and the types of love which is used in the lyrics and what contexts are influenced in expressing the love.

## **1.4 Research Questions**

In this research, the writer formulates some research question as follow:

1. How are the words used to express the feeling of love?
2. What are the types of love that can be found in Bruno Mars' lyrics?
3. What are the contexts influence love expression found in Bruno Mars' Lyrics?

### **1.5 The Purpose of the Research**

Based on the problem above, the purpose of the research are:

1. To describe how the words are used to express the feeling of love
2. To describe the types of love found in Bruno Mars' lyrics
3. To explain the contexts influence love expression found in Bruno Mars'

Lyrics

### **1.6 Significant of the Research**

This research has significant contribution to linguistic science especially in emotional expression, focused on love expression. Furthermore, it also has significant contribution to the other researcher for give an additional reference to them who are interested to conduct a research about emotional expression. Then, this research can enrich awareness about the emotional expression in literary work special song lyrics.