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ABSTRACT

In this research, the writer analysis the figurative language that is found in the album Future Nostalgia: The Moonlight. This study uses a qualitative descriptive method in analyzing the data in this research. This study uses Perrine's (1974) theory. The purpose of this study is to identify the types and the meaning of figurative language contained in the song lyrics album Future Nostalgia: The Moonlight by Dua Lipa. The writer found that 10 types of figurative language there were 50 figurative languages from 10 songs analyzed in album Future Nostalgia: The Moonlight including 9 metaphor, 1 simile, 5 synecdoche, 8 metonymy, 11 hyperbole, 4 personification, 4 paradox, 3 irony, 1 symbols, and 4 understatement. The writer also finds that there are connotative meanings used in song lyric which contains figurative language from album Future Nostalgia: The Moonlight. The use of figurative language in songs aims to provide emphasis and enhance the beauty of the lyrics, allowing listeners to enjoy the song and better understand the meaning and message conveyed in the lyrics.

Keywords: Figurative Language, Song Lyrics, Future Nostalgia: The Moonlight.

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background Of The Research

The study of language structure, history, and applications in interpersonal communication is known as linguistics. Language in social, cultural and psychological contexts is analyzed in terms of phonology, grammar, semantics and other elements. The understanding of language and human communication is aided by linguistics. The field of knowledge studied in linguistics is also divided into several sections where the main topic of discussion is language. Linguistics also studies language from various aspects, such as structure, meaning, use and development of language. According to Akmal (2017) " Linguistics is the scientific and systematic study of human language". No matter what people do in daily lives, will come to understand that language is a part of nearly every aspect of human communication. It analyses as a system for relating form, meaning and context at the same time.

Language is one way humans communication. In verbal communication people need language to communicate, help, learn, and provide useful ideas and information to others. According to Bolinger (1975:9), human language is a sign system of vocal auditory communication made up of sound units put together in a certain way and with arbitrary patterns. It can be concluded that language is a tool that people employ to create social interactions. One way to develop social interaction is through songs as a form of language expression that plays a role in interaction.

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The act of singing is called a song. Song is a musical composition with spoken lyrics intended to convey emotions and ideas. Lyrics and music are two aspects of the song. One use of language is to convey creative ideas to other people, for example by using songs. Singing is a modern way for individuals to communicate. Person can express their feelings to many people through singing, so that others can hear. Songs about love, politics, society and other topics are just some of the many topics available today that allow us to express emotions.

Song is a musical composition typically consisting of lyrics, melody, and often harmony, that is intended to be performed by a singer or a group of singers. Songs are a fundamental part of music and often convey emotions, stories, or ideas through their lyrics and melodies. They can be found in various genres and are a primary form of artistic expression in the music world.

According to Harper (2018), song also be used to discuss viewpoints, culture, society, or an individual's life. Songs are frequently used to persuade listeners to give them a listen or to change their opinions. Songs generally have functions, namely as entertainment, artistic expression, communication, religion, marketing and others. But generally people just listen to songs without knowing the meaning of the song. Even though the songwriter will convey the deep meaning of the song. The message in the song is conveyed to the listener directly or indirectly. One method used by songwriters to convey the meaning of a song is to convey it through lyrics. The lyrics in the song have deep figurative language to make the song beautiful.

This shows that the songwriter wants listeners to be able to feel and understand the message contained in it. However, because the lyrics usually convey the meaning of the song and are usually figurative language, it is often difficult for listeners to understand them. Semantics is essentially a field in which figurative language functions. This makes it possible for us to

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understand a song's actual meaning. A person may not read the lyrics of a song carefully when listening to it, especially if the lyrics contain a second meaning. Their appreciation is often motivated by the song's musical value or their respect for the singer. Knowing the meaning behind the lyrics is crucial since it can help the song listeners understand the purpose and meaning of the songs.

There are many figurative language in song lyrics especially in Dua Lipa songs. Dua Lipa, a British singer and songwriter, gained prominence in the mid-2010s. Born on August 22, 1995, in London, England, she launched her music career by releasing the single "New Love" in 2015. However, her breakthrough came with the single "Be the One" which achieved great success in various countries. Her debut album entitled "Dua Lipa" also produced popular singles such as "Hotter than Hell" and "Blow Your Mind (Mwah)". Dua Lipa gained further recognition in the music industry with the release of her second album, "Future Nostalgia," in 2020. The album produced several successful singles such as "Don't Start Now," "Physical," and "Levitating."

The writer's reason for choosing a title which focuses on figurative language makes an important contribution to the understanding and analysis of literature. Through this research, can dive into the richness of figurative language used in literary works. Analysis of metaphors, similes, or personification will reveal the depth of meaning and beauty of literature. This research can also help develop literary comprehension reading skills, because understanding figurative language requires a higher level of interpretation. In addition, a deep understanding of figurative language can provide new insight into a writer's style and open the door to further research in the field of literature.

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Based on reasons, the writer will research figurative language in song lyrics. In this research the writer analyzes the figurative language contained in selected song lyrics from the album Future Nostalgia: The Moonlight by Dua Lipa. Song lyrics are words or text that are part of a song. Song lyrics usually have the function of conveying a message, story or feelings of the songwriter. Song lyrics are also often used to express emotions, ideas or experiences. Song lyrics are an important component of a song.

1.2 Research Question

Based on the previous background, the writer would like to identify the problems, as follows:

1.2.1   What types of figurative language are used in the album "Future Nostalgia: The Moonlight" by Dua Lipa?

1.2.2   What is the meaning of figurative language used in the album "Future Nostalgia: The Moonlight" by Dua Lipa?

1.3 Purpose of The Research

Based on the previous problems above, the writer would like to answer the aims of the study, as follows:

1.3.1   To identify the types of Figurative Language in the album Future Nostalgia: The Moonlight" by Dua Lipa?

1.3.2   To find out the meaning of figurative language used in the album Future Nostalgia: The Moonlight" by Dua Lipa?

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1.4 Limitation of The Research

The scope of this research is semantic. This research focuses on analyze the type and meaning of figurative language which is found in selected album "Future Nostalgia: The Moonlight" by Dua Lipa. There are 11 song in Dua Lipa album. The writer limits the research only ten songs of Dua Lipa in Future Nostalgia: The Moonlight because one song has been researcher. The songs in this album are Break My Heart, Pretty Please, Boys Will Be Boys, Cool, Don't Start Now, Good In Bed, Physical, Love Again, Future Nostalgia, And Hallucinate.

1.5 Significance of The Research

The writer hopes that this research could be used as reference for future researchers, for students to know analyze figurative language and meaning of figurative language. For readers to add more knowledge about type and meaning of figurative language in songs.

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