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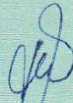
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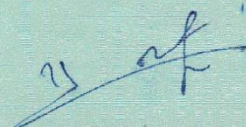
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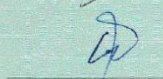
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ABSTRACT

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There are many problems that have been created due to child abuse that have been resolved from the past until now. In understanding this case, the researcher uses a descriptive qualitative technique with an intrinsic approach to analyze Damian Robin's poems with the title *Grooming, Victims,* and *Child Abuse* (2016), and poems written by Jim Farrell with the title *Fetus* (2022), and *Weaned on Poison* (2021). This research uses theory from Anne C. Petersen with other experts and also life and death instinct theory by Sigmund Freud. The outcome of this study shows that there are five causes of child abuse and four types of abuse suffered by the victims in the five poems. They are physical, emotional/verbal, sexual abuse, and neglect. The effects of these abuses showed in life and death instinct that comes from within the victim.

Keywords: *Child Abuse, Causes, Types, Impacts, Poems*

ABSTRAK

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Ada banyak masalah yang tercipta akibat kekerasan terhadap anak yang diselesaikan dari dulu sampai sekarang. Peneliti menggunakan teknik deskriptif kualitatif dengan pendekatan intrinsik untuk menganalisa puisi-puisi dari Damian Robin dengan judul *Grooming, Victims, dan Child Abuse* (2016), dan puisi-puisi yang ditulis Jim Farrell dengan judul *Fetus* (2022), dan *Weaned on Poison* (2021). Peneliti ini menggunakan teori dari Anne C.Petersen dan ahli lainnya dan juga teori intsing hidup dan mati oleh Sigmund Freud. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa terdapat lima hal yang menyebabkan terjadinya child abuse dan empat tipe kekerasan yang dialami oleh para korban dalam lima puisi tersebut. Tipe-tipe tersebut adalah fisik, emosional/verbal, pelecehan seksual, dan penelantaran. Efek dari pelecehan tersebut terlihat pada naluri hidup dan mati yang muncul dari diri korban.

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CHAPTER I: INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the Research

Childhood is time when children grow and develop which is driven by their high curiosity. This period is known as the golden age because this period is filled with happiness, love, play, and a sense of security. At this stage of life, they naturally learn and absorb about many things from their environment. Zahra (2014) said that the future of a nation depends on its next generation and their future depends on the conditions of their social environment. Moreover, they are born knowing nothing about the world and naturally they grow up learning from those around them. Because they have no experiences they become weak and vulnerable physically and mentally (Lubis, 2017). However, there are children who do not enjoy it very much. In fact, they get the opposite. They get suffering, insecurity, and bad experiences from their environment, especially parents. This is certainly the opposite of what should happen; children should feel safe when around their family and environment. Raudhatul Jannah & Lely Safrina (2018) pointed that childhood is a time to grow and develop because they need a sense of security to live in the environment they live in so that they can grow and develop as they should.

Zahra (2014) also stated that childhood should be playful and joyful time not a time when contains bad experiences about being a victim because they are still weak and can't fight who is stronger than you. This kind of condition sometimes happens in our surrounding, especially in our family. Most of people

know this as child abuse or child maltreatment. Hurting a child, either physically or mentally is the definition of child abuse (DiVenturi, 2012). WHO (2002) defined child abuse as an act that is done intentionally or negligently with the intention of causing direct harm to the victim. The pain or harm inflicted is the main substance of the abuser. In addition, child abuse usually occurs in an environment close to the victim. Raudhatul Jannah & Lely Safrina (2018) pointed that most of them get child abuse from the environment they live in, such as the family environment.

Most cases happen not because of the child are at fault, they have no right to be hurt. So there is no reason to hurt them. In addition, they are just weak creatures who need protection. Aleseeva (2007) who stated that children are the most powerless and defenseless, vulnerable, and dependent members of society. When children become victims of physical, emotional, sexual, and even natural disasters and wars, it is the adult mistakes. The point is that everything that is done on purpose and done that has bad impact in the form of injury to the child's physical and psychological is included as child abuse, whether children do something wrong or not, they need to be disciplined but not hurt.

Child abuse becomes one of the most common cases in the world. Data from UNICEF that there are many cases were not reported because afraid of revenge and shame as a victim and the magnitude of the trauma experienced. Then, many victims don't know how to do accusation because not have enough information and even some people think that punishment in the form of physical and verbal are normal as part of discipline. It makes reported cases are only some

part of scale of abuse. Plus, they need protection and have right to it because they are weak in terms of physical age and experience. Lubis (2017) said that children all over the world have right to get attention and affection from their surroundings, right to feel safe and protected, and take part in family activity.

All kinds of mistreatment to the children is the definition of child abuse and neglect and it is a universal problem (Gilbert et al., 2009). Gilbert's explanation shows that violence not only means hurting physically but also mentally, even neglecting children is also included in violence against children or child abuse. WHO (2020) have showed data that 300 million children all around the world aged 2-4 years old mostly get physical punishment and/or psychological abuse by their parents and/or caregiver. Caregiver is a person who had parental responsibility for the child at the time of abuse (Eva et al, 2018). The data from WHO illustrates that there is something wrong with the way parents and caregivers look after and educate other children. Then data from Eva Maria (2018) who conducted research with her colleagues showed that 962 from 8024 children or 12% of them were reported they had been suffered CPA (Child Physical Abuse) by their parent or caregiver and 30% of them who reported they had been abuse in the previous year. The data makes the researcher aware that we need appropriate actions to deal with victims and perpetrators as well as preventive measures have been an issue from the past until now so that it requires serious attention from all parties.

Moreover, being too afraid to report it or tell someone who can help is the most common reason these victims have. It makes child abuse even more difficult

to detect. Because of this difficulty it is necessary to understand the types of child abuse. As conveyed by Siburian (2019), she said that so many child abuse cases are not reported and can not be detected, it happens because the children are too afraid to find help. This is the reason why it is important to recognize the signs of child abuse. Moreover, several types of child abuse are really hard to detect because the impact of abuse doesn't leave physical injury. Verbal and/or emotional abuse affect the way a child feels; instead of showing physical signs, everything is on the inside. It takes a long time to recognize a child who has been suffered by emotional or verbal abuse because this type of abuse is very subtle compare to other types of abuse. Alicia (2012) also added that physical, sexual, and neglect leaves scars that can be seen while emotional abuse or verbal abuse leaves scars inside the victim whose scars can be seen through the victim's behavior.

Child abuse needs special attention and the right solutions because it has still been happening in our society for a long time. Children need to be protected from any kind of abuse because it will give wide impact for them in the future. Ironically, some perpetrators of child abuse are parents who should be the main protectors of their children. A perpetrator is a person who did maltreatment or violence to children (Lubis, 2017). Moreover, this problem had happened since long time ago and it will keep happening if we don't find the best solution to decrease or erase it. Child abuse has for a long time been recorded in literature, art and science in many parts of the world. World Report on Violence and Health wrote that the history is full with record which about reports of malnourished,

weak, and unkempt children that caused by their family and also some reports about children who got sexual abuse. It shows that child abuse is something important and urgent to be studied, research, and understood by all parties because children today will affect life in the future with their mindset, behavior, and mentality that was formed when they were young.

Furthermore, child abuse can be a chain of violence that continues from generation to generation, and then it will be a cycle that will not stop if this chain of violence is not disconnected with a solution. WHO (2020) on their website wrote that a child who is a victim of abuse have higher chance to do the same thing to others when they become an adult so it will make chain of abuse from generation to generation. So, it become an important thing to break the chain and the cycle and then try to make a wonderful experience for the next generation.

Understanding the causes, forms, and impacts of child abuse on children is important so that cases of child abuse can be reduced and victims receive protection and perpetrators can get understanding and sanctions commensurate with their actions. Moreover, breaking the chain of abuse is everyone's responsibility.

Alicia (2012) also stated that study shows that emotional abuse can be continued from generation to the next generation. Moreover, the impact of child abuse can be last for the rest of the victim's life. Kyrsha (2009) said that the child will have higher chance of long-term effects of abuse if they suffer physical, emotional, sexual abuse, and neglect. The example of long-term effects are problem with performance in school, in social interactions, and at work. Gilbert

(2009) said that child maltreatment correlated with decreased performance in school. It happens because maltreatment leads to anxiety, depression, aggression, acting out and other behavior. World Report on Violence and Health added that there are many researches and studies shows that child abuse leads to short-term and long-term psychological problem.

Therefore, not only do these children need help to live an emotionally happy and healthy life, but the tragic cycle needs to end. This happens because the reasons are the culture of educating, punishing, and disciplining children with violence which also a problem and a bridge for child abuse to be passed down from generation to generation. Lubis (2017) stated that many adults (parents or caregivers) don't know and realize that even a little kind of punishment in the form of punching and yelling can give some damage to the children's psych then leave a deep mental trauma. Siburian (2019) said that corporal punishment becomes believe for some parents and caregiver. Corporal punishment is control with torture which not effective and save. It teaches children that physical power can be use for take others in control especially their behavior. This has a different impact on each child because there are other factors that affect the child's psychology. Lubis (2017) also added that each child got different effects of abuse.

Child abuse is also a social problem because this problem relates to all parties, not only those closest to the victim. So it requires special attention from everyone on this matter. Lubis (2017) stated that child abuse can be in many forms of abuse and will lead to social problem. Experts said that physical, emotional, and sexual abuse and also neglect and witnessing violent are the

definition of abuse. The statement from Lubis (2017) also shows that many types of child abuse allow many loopholes and chances for criminals to harm children and this can happen anywhere and anytime, especially in the internet world that has no boundaries. Even so, the victims can still be helped in various ways, starting from an understanding of child abuse itself. Kyrsha (2009) said that with some help these children will have their normal life again but the scars from child abuse won't disappear. Researcher also try to take part in this problem by conducting this research to contribute in spreading knowledge about child abuse, especially in the effects and types of child abuse.

From the explanation above, it can be seen that there are many problems that can occur due to child abuse, starting from the many cases from the past until now which unsolved, physical and psychological impacts, short-term and long-term impacts of child abuse under the pretext of educating children, as well as many cases that are not and are difficult to detect, and child abuse can be passed on from generation to generation. Moreover, it's a social problem which has been going for a long time. Understanding the causes, forms, and impacts of child abuse on children is important so that cases of child abuse can be reduced and victims receive protection and perpetrators can get understanding and sanctions commensurate with their actions. Moreover, breaking the chain of abuse is everyone's responsibility. Researcher also try to take part in this problem by conducting this research to contribute in spreading knowledge about child abuse, especially in the effects and types of child abuse. The things above are also the

reasons for the author to make child abuse the topic of this research because there are so many unsolved problem which related to child abuse.

My motivation is to spread more the information about child abuse because there are many cases of child abuse around the world including the environment around the researcher. The researcher have explained about the problems about child abuse above and it makes the researcher more aware about this topic and the impact of it to society especially the future of the next generation.

Basically the poems from Damian Robin's Poems *Grooming, Victims*, and *Child Abuse* (2016), Jim Farrel's Poems *Fetus* (2022) and *Weaned on Poison* (2021) discusses child abuse. Damian Robin in his poems discusses child abuse from his point of view which is Damian who works for an international newspaper so that he gets a lot of information about child abuse from all over the world. In his poetry, Damian not only discusses what violence is experienced by children but also its impact. In addition, in his poem, *Victim*, Damian said that child abuse can be helped and handled to anticipate its negative impacts.

The researcher chose Jim Farrell because apart from the fact that his poetry was new and had not been discussed until the time this research was conducted, Jim's personal experience being poured into poetry also made researcher interested in researching it. Jim shared his experiences from childhood to the impact of child abuse that he experienced until he became an adult. In addition, Jim said that writing was his way of dealing with mental problems. This

also shows that there are many ways to deal with psychological problems, including psychological problems as a result of child abuse.

The researcher knows that until the time this research was carried out, the poems studied in this study had never been studied. Moreover, what distinguishes this research from previous research is the data, which are the poems written by Damian Robin with the title *Grooming, Victims, and Child Abuse* (2016), and poems written by Jim Farrell with the title *Fetus* (2022), and *Weaned on Poison* (2021).

The objects of research in these five poems are victims and perpetrators, most research only emphasizes victims alone or explores only perpetrators, or only consequences or causes only, whereas in the poems studied show a series of events starting from the cause to the consequences experienced victims of child abuse.

The limitation the researcher encounter, as a college student, in this research is that it is not easy to find trusted and free scientific information about child abuse. Trusted information is really important for a research. So, the researcher hopes that the next researcher has better opportunity to get more information about child abuse.

With this research, researchers hope to make a contribution and benefits to government institutions. Researchers hope that the results of this research will at least be able to revive discussion and discussion of child abuse cases. The way to do this is for the government to socialize the laws that have been made more often, such as through seminars and workshops. This is because important

problems such as child abuse are not covered by issues that do not have a high priority for the future of the next generations.

It is also hoped that the results of this research will have a real influence on society. Especially to increase knowledge, awareness and care for children in the community. Apart from that, to be a trigger for self-reflection, especially for parents. Increasing the sensitivity of community members to the characteristics of children who experience child abuse and increasing understanding of the importance of reporting acts of child abuse to the authorities and providing assistance to victims, especially assistance from experts.

Benefits for other researchers is becoming additional references, references and sources of information for research that has been carried out. In addition, because science continues and will continue to develop, the researcher hopes that the next researcher who will research the same topic can perfect the research that has been carried out previously.

1.2. Focus of the Problem

The focus of the problem is to find the causes and types of child abuse and also their impact on child psych in the poems written by Damian Robin with the title *Grooming, Victims, and Child Abuse* (2016), and poems written by Jim Farrell with the title *Fetus* (2022), and *Weaned on Poison* (2021).

1.3. Research Question

1. What are the causes of child abus in the poems written by Damian Robin with the title *Grooming, Victims, and Child Abuse* (2016), and poems

written by Jim Farrell with the title *Fetus* (2022), and *Weaned on Poison* (2021).

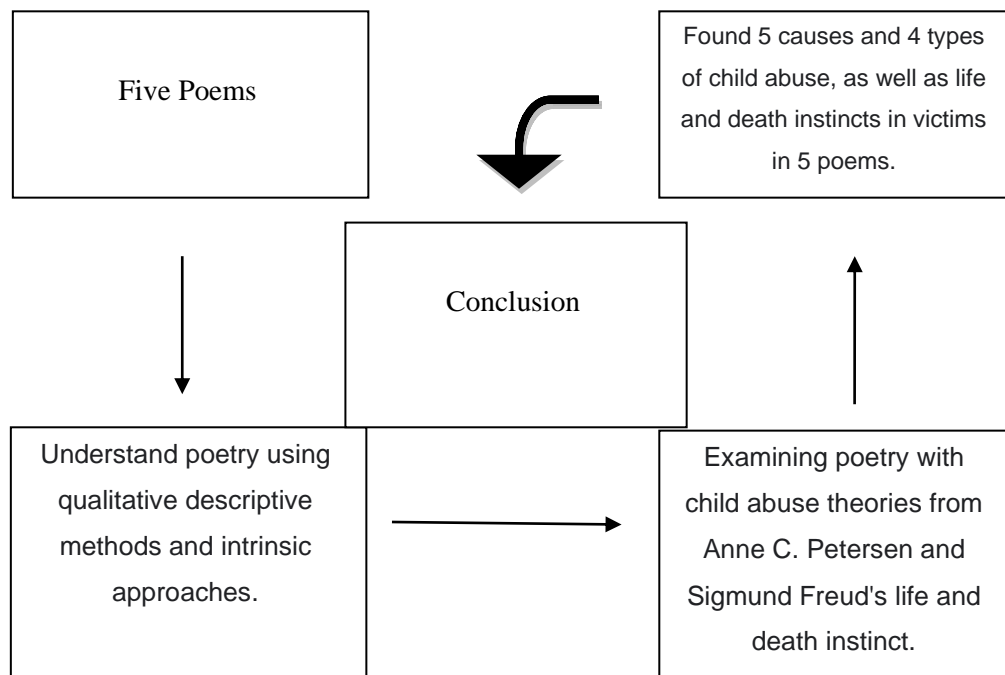
2. What are the types of abuse found in the poems written by Damian Robin with the title *Grooming, Victims, and Child Abuse* (2016), and poems written by Jim Farrell with the title *Fetus* (2022), and *Weaned on Poison* (2021)?

3. What are the impact of child abuse to the victims psych in the poems written by Damian Robin with the title *Grooming, Victims, and Child Abuse* (2016), and poems written by Jim Farrell with the title *Fetus* (2022), and *Weaned on Poison* (2021)?

1.4. Purpose of the Research

The purpose of this research is to find out the types of child abuse and their impact on child psyche in the poems written by Damian Robin with the title *Grooming, Victims, and Child Abuse* (2016), and poems written by Jim Farrell with the title *Fetus* (2022), and *Weaned on Poison* (2021).

1.5. Conceptual Framework



This conceptual framework shows the process of researcher in finding answers to research questions. The main points of the framework starting from researchers reading and analyzing the data with descriptive and qualitative method and intrinsic approach followed with child abuse theories with Anne C. Petersen and Sigmund Freud Life and Death Instinct. Then looking for the causes, types and impacts of child abuse in Damian Robin's poems *Grooming*, *Victims*, and *Child Abuse* (2016), Jim Farrell's poems *Fetus* (2022) and *Weaned on Poison* (2021).