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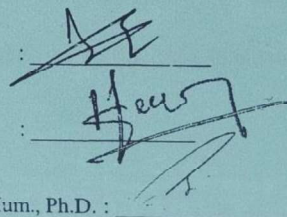
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ABSTRACT

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This study aimed to find the types of figurative languages used in selected song lyrics in Arctic Monkey “AM” album. The Figurative Language found in six song lyrics in AM album. There were "R U Mine?", "Do I Wanna Know?", "Why'd You Only Call Me When You're High?", "One for the Road", "Arabella", and "Snap out of It" songs lyric. This research aimed to show how language can be so in many forms. This study showed how many figurative language and language can be in so many ways to express. This research used qualitative method as a way to analyze figurative language in selected song lyrics from the album “AM” by Arctic Monkeys. The data in this research used collections of words within their categories of figurative language from Arctic Monkeys’ song lyrics. The result of this study showed types of figurative languages and most used types of figurative languages in selected song lyrics by Arctic monkey. There were five types of figurative languages found in song lyrics by Arctic Monkey AM album. There were metaphor, simile, hyperbole, metonymy, and synecdoche.

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CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Research Problem

Figurative language is a rhetorical or a stylistic tool that can be used to conceptualize imagery that is expressed by an author or writer. Dancygier (2017:28) explains that figurative language is a study that conceptualizes the hidden figuration in literary works. Hence, figurative language is a non-literal language often found in literary works.

In literary works, Dancygier (2017:28) mentions that figurative language is used as a way to create empathetic and acute comparisons and expressions. These comparisons and expressions use special effects or feelings in the language to create the essence of style and beauty. Figurative language is used in any form of communication, such as in daily conversation, articles, advertisements, novels, poems, song lyrics.

Morner and Rausch (1991:83) explain that figurative language can be used as a tool to express the writer's vision to the reader. For example, by using simile a writer can compare a subject with another thing using like and as. Figurative language creates a more acute or empathetic description of the subject. By using figurative language in songs, the songwriter can make song lyrics more artistic and meaningful.

The stylistic study can be used as a way to analyze figurative language. Stylistic is a study of language style used in texts, more specifically, literature text. Simpson (2004:2) states that Stylistic is a way to interpret the creativity of

language used in a literary text. This means that the meaning a writer wants to convey through the use of creative languages, such as figurative language, can be analyzed by using Stylistic. To be more specific, it can also be said that stylistic can be used as a way to find out the meaning of the creative languages used. The term 'style' is utilized in linguistics to portray the choices that language makes accessible to a client, over and past the choices vital for the basic expression of a meaning. The linguistic frame can be deciphered as a set of conceivable outcomes for the generation of writings, and in this manner, linguistic frame makes conceivable linguistic fashion.

Song is an interesting source to study language use, style, and idea. Song has two major components, the music as a companion and lyrics. Thompson and Russo (2004: 51) explain that a song is a combination of melody and lyrics. This means that one cannot be without the other. Similarly, Pradopo (2012: 11) states that lyric is a key element in a song that is used to bring out sentiments from the writer. This means that lyric is an integral part of a song and is used to express the sentiments the writer tries to deliver to the audience. Regarding to lyrics in songs Turner (2009:70) mentions that linguistic devices can be used as tools to transcend conventional expression. From the statements above, it can be said that lyrics is an essential tool used in a song that is used to artistically or aesthetically express the writer's idea.

There are some studies on figurative language in songs. First is *An Analysis of Figurative Language in The Song Lyrics by Zain* written by Qurrotul'ain (2013). It analyzed the quantity of Figurative Language in the songs created by

Maher Zain. The result of the studies is that Maher Zain used hyperbole the most. The second study is *Figurative Language Analysis in Five John Legend's Songs* by Khadijah (2016). In this study, she tried to find what kinds of figurative language were used in 5 John Legend's songs and their contextual meanings. The results are hyperbole is the most used figurative language in the five John Legend songs and that it is used to exemplify situations. The latest study is *An Analysis of Figurative Language Found on The Song Lyric by Taylor Swifts Speak Now Album* by Listiani (2015). She tried to find the most used figurative language which is hyperbole. Forth, the journal is conducted by Winnie and Akun studied about how poetic writing style gives impacts and is able to deliver messages to the reader. The corpus for this study is the novel-in-verse by Sonya Sones entitled *What My Mother Doesn't Know* which tells about a teenage girl named Sophie who tries to find her Mr. Right and her bad relationship with her parents. The study focuses on the theme, metaphor, personification, paradox, and hyperbole which are discussed by adopting the qualitative method. Fifth, the study is an undergraduate thesis done by Arista Ferdiansyah Puspita entitled *A Stylistic Analysis of Figures of Speech in Les Miserable Movie*. It is purposed to describe the types of figures of speech and to discover the functions of figurative language in *Les Miserable* movie. Also, the next study elaborated by Hariyanto formed as a journal analyses the figurative language found in the lyric of *Firework* by Katy Perry. It is aimed to find out the figurative languages adopted in the song lyric and to analyze the contextual meaning of figurative language. The last study is journal discovered by Ebi Yeibo investigates the stylistic value of figuration as semantic

signifiers or reinforces in poetry. The study examines the use of figurative devices such as imagery, metaphorization, rhetorical operations, humor, and figures of sound, to foreground aspects of meaning in the texts, about the context of a situation and textual function.

The previous research already discussed about the metaphor as dominant figurative language discussed in Arctic Monkey Album. This research aims to investigate points at examining how addressers (lyricists) utilize language to communicate thoughts and build linguistic messages, and at appearing how addressees (the audience) can work towards interpreting them. This research aims to show how language can be so many forms. Through this study, people would see how many figurative language and language can be in so many ways to express. This study would give more contribution to the reader to know the figurative language. This helped them to improve their skills in speaking and writing to express ideas and emotions and to affect the views and attitudes of others. One of the bands that utilize figurative language in their lyrics is Arctic Monkeys. Arctic Monkeys is an English rock band formed in Sheffield, England in 2002. In 2013 Arctic Monkeys released an album entitled "*AM*". This album consisted of 12 songs, and 6 of them utilized figurative Language in their lyrics. These 6 songs are: "R U Mine?", "Do I Wanna Know?", "Why'd You Only Call Me When You're High?", "One for the Road", "Arabella", and "Snap out of It".

This research was conducted due to the many awards that have been achieved by Arctic Monkeys. There are some of the Arctic Monkeys' songs have topped playlists on song-playing platforms around the world. The song lyrics used

in this research are unique. The Arctic Monkey were considered as the trendsetter in the way emerging bands promote themselves and reach the market via online. Thus, it makes the researcher interested to analyze the selected song from arctic monkeys' lyrics. Theoretically, this study also aims to have an impact on subsequent research. It means that this research gives a contribution to other researchers that want to analyze study about figurative language. It helps as a reference to other researchers.

Based on Qurratol Ain (2013), Khadijah (2016) and Listiani (2015) research, it can be said that previous researchers focused more on the quantity of figurative language used or which figurative language is used more. The previous research also focused more on pop music. The gap between this research and the previous research is that this research was focusing on finding out the figurative language used in Arctic Monkey and meanings that can be found from the figurative language used in the songs. In previous research, are studied about pop music, while this research discussed slow rock music. Through this study, the research found more about the forms of figurative language in slow rock music. This research also focused on the idea of the lyrics. This research aimed to investigate points at examining how addressers (lyricists) utilize language to communicate thoughts and build linguistic messages, and at appearing how addressees (the audience) can work towards interpreting them. It seems how much slow rock music in the first beat of the measure must be a strong accent or stressed. Thus, it made the research finds that the character of the language used in slow rock selected song by arctic monkey to see and feel a measure of language type. In conclusion, this research was important because it would be filling the gap of

analyzing the figurative language used and the ideas that are expressed in Arctic Monkeys songs in their album “AM”.

1.2 Identification of the Research Problem

In song lyrics, many linguistic perspectives can be used to analyse them. It analyzed the lyrics using polysemy and synonymy. Another linguistic perspective that can be used to analyse song lyrics is Stylistic. Researchers used stylistic as a way to explain literary works and the relation between language and its artistic function. This means that figurative language can be analyzed using stylistic theory. This research seeks figurative language in slow rock music selected song by Arctic Monkey. This study also will see the type of figurative language in slow rock music and the use of figurative language in the lyrics help to build the messages conveyed in the selected song lyrics by Arctic Monkey.

1.3 Limitation of the Research Problem

From the identification above, this research focused on common figurative language found in six song lyrics of Arctic Monkeys AM album. This research only focused to find the idea and meanings are expressed in the selected song in “AM” album. This research is important because it was filling the gap of analyzing the figurative language used and the ideas that are expressed in Arctic Monkeys songs in their album “AM”.

1.4 Formulation of the Research Problem

Based on the limitation of the problem above, the formulation of the research problem is stated as follows, “How is the use of figurative language in

song lyrics of Arctic Monkeys?” Related to the formulated research problem mentioned above, there are two research questions that can be derived:

1. What are the types of figurative language used in each song lyric of Arctic Monkeys AM Album?
2. What are ideas and meanings can be delivered or presented by the author of the Arctic Monkeys song lyrics in the use of figurative language?

1.5 Purposes of the Research

Based on the research questions, the purposes of this research are:

1. To find types of figurative language that occur in each song lyrics of Arctic Monkeys
2. To analyze the meaning of the figurative language used in song lyrics by Arctic Monkeys based on stylistic theory.

1.6 Significance of the Research Problem

Theoretically, the findings of this research are expected to give contributions to stylistics studies. This research can also be used as a reference for the next researcher who wants to analyze the same topic. Practically, this research can be served as references and teaching materials in schools as well as in other institutions about figurative language. To the students, it was expected to the students who want to study about linguistics. So, the result of this research can develop the language and explanation about figurative language. To the readers, the result of this research hopefully is useful for the readers, because this study provides a description of figurative language. The understanding figurative

language will make the readers easier to catch the meaning and message, especially in the song lyrics.

1.7 Definition of Key Term

1. **Figurative Language:** The style of language used by the author in conveying the messages.
2. **Lyrics:** Words combined in verses similar to a short poem. Which means it consists of rhyme and choruses that accompany music in making a song. It is used as a way to express the meaning of the writer.
3. **Arctic Monkeys:** An English rock band formed in Sheffield, England.