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IN DREAM THEATER'S ALBUM *IMAGES AND WORDS*

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ABSTRAK

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Makalah ini bertujuan untuk membahas dan mengkaji kategori, arti dan fungsi dari metaphorical expression yang terdapat pada lirik lagu salah satu album Dream Theater. Analisis data yang untuk makalah ini dibahas menggunakan teori yang dipelopori oleh Ullman (1962) dan Leech (1969) untuk mengkaji kategori, Ullman (1962), Ungerer and Schmid (1996) mengetahui fungsinya dan Searle (1979) untuk menguak arti dari metaphorical expression pada data yang ditemukan. Sumber data makalah ini adalah album Dream Theatre yang berjudul *Images and Words*.

Dream Theater merupakan band rock asal Amerika yang menyuguhkan metaphorical expression pada lirik-lirik lagunya. Dengan menganalisa metaphorical expression makalah ini dapat memberikan penjelasan, keterangan dan detail lebih lanjut mengenai jenis, arti dan fungsi dari berbagai macam metaphorical expression yg terdapat pada lirik lagu Dream Theater's album *Images and Words*.

Setelah menganalisa lirik lagu album Dream Theater, *Images and Words*, ditemukan 4 jenis metaphora expression dan 4 fungsi. Selain itu lirik-lirik lagu yang menjadi data paper ini mengandung arti tentang hidup dan kehidupan dan juga menguak usaha manusia untuk bertahan hidup di dunia sehingga penikmat musik dan pendengar bisa mengetahui dan menyadari tentang fenomena-fenomena dan kejadian yang terjadi disekitar mereka.

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INTRODUCTION

1.1   Background of The Problem

Language is used by the people around the world to communicate and interact to each other. Communication has purposes to send a message to other people. In sending the message, the sender does not only use an explicit message or direct expression but also uses an implicit message or indirect expression; where the meaning of message is different from its message, such as using figurative language.

Figurative language is language that uses words or expressions with a meaning that is different from the direct interpretation. When the speaker uses direct language, he or she is simply stating the facts as they are. Figurative language, in comparison, it uses exaggerations or alterations to make a particular point in a language, for example: *I am so hungry, I could eat a horse*. This show how starves the speaker is, so he can eat any impossible thing. It proves that figurative language is used to enrich the language.

The figurative language consists of simile, metaphor, personification, hyperbole, paradox, alliteration, etc. Moreover, there is one figurative language that is often used in daily activity, which is metaphor. Metaphor is derived from the Greek *metaphora* which means to transfer. Lakoff dan Johnson (1980: 3) stated that metaphor is pervasive in everday life, not just in language but in thought and action. This show how metaphorical expression is completely

influences people's life. Thus, metaphorical expression helps us to express our understanding of the world around us.

Making comparison in metaphor, does not employ the word *like* or *as*, instead, likeness is suggested. It needs deep understanding in order to get the meaning of metaphorical expression by interpreting the distinction between the two objects, for example: *You are a tulip seen today*. Since a tulip is beautiful, the speaker saying the girl is beautiful, just like a tulip in the day time. In this case, the speaker does not have to say she was beautiful; he used metaphors to describe her beauty.

The metaphorical expression is also known as "word pictures" which function to convey a figurative language. As what mentioned above, the metaphorical expression is an interesting yet complicated figurative language. That is why sometimes people make mistake in using and in understanding it. Most of them do not know the meaning, function and the context in applying metaphorical expression. This situation is emerges since people who do not have a deep understanding about metaphor tend to equalize it with the simile because both of them are almost the same; a simile would say you are like something, meanwhile a metaphor is more literally direct - it says you are something..

Metaphorical expression is divided into two types; there are creative metaphor and conventional metaphor. Metaphorical expression usually explored in the literary text, mainly poetry. This metaphor is called as creative metaphor. Knowles and Moon (2006: 5) said that kind of metaphorical expression which downright in literary text is said as creative metaphor which is used by the writer

to express their sense and idea into the writing to make the reader catch up the meaning behind it. Meanwhile, the conventional metaphor as stated by Knowles and Moon (2006: 6) is the metaphor which is used in daily conversation to utter the feeling and emotion, as an illustration: *He exploded, which shows anger*.

Furthermore, related to this study, the writer put an attention to the creative metaphor. The creative metaphor is not only found in the poetry but also in the lyric of songs, because it is similar to the poetry. Zbikowski (2002: 512) explained that metaphorical expression which lie in the lyric of songs helps the listener to understand and to seize the meaning of the song easily. The metaphorical expression makes the song more attractive and unique. This illustrate that metaphorical expression is another way that we use to replace "normal" words in order to help others understand and catch the message which we articulate.

As with anyone uses "normal" words, the song's writer tend to uses metaphor to express their feeling, experience and their concerned about human being and phenomena they see around them through the lyric. Metaphor helps the song's writer to get a sense of how to precede the lyric in sending the message to the listener.

Lyric of songs is an expression about thing which has been seen, heard and experienced by someone (song's writer or the singer). In expressing his experience, the song's writer does the words and language diversion to produce the allure and characteristic to the lyric, for example: *If I were a boy* by *Beyonce,* when it says *If I were a boy I think I could understand how it feels to love a girl, I swear I'd be a better man*; the speaker in this song is a woman, from this lyric she

wanted to experience how to be a man and if it is her who is in the man's shoes, she would treat the girl she loves nicely as she knows the hurts when someone is playing around with her feeling. That lyric adds color, vivid imaginary and perhaps emotion through a sentence, so that the listener can feel the situation which speaker faces.

Moreover, in the lyric of songs, metaphorical expression generally has function, theme and meaning. It can be a tool to interact with others and to gets the sympathy from the listener. Based on explanation above, the lyric of songs are related to one another and tells a story to the listener; it can be about life and living, as seen in the song of *Elton John* entitled *Candle in the Wind* which is dedicated for Lady Diana; revealed the fragility of life and how weak Lady Diana is, which the same with the candle in the wind that may extinguish suddenly. This phenomenon is also discovered through the lyric of songs that writer taken from the album of *Dream Theater's* entitled *"Images and Words"*.

The song's writer of the album *"Images and Words"* used different types of metaphorical expressions which have different meanings, and functions. In this study, the writer analyzes the types, meanings, and functions which metaphor plays in semantic point of view. The writer takes Dream Theatre Album *"Images and Words"* because it uncovers the power of human being in order to survive in this world. That is the writer's reason to write a paper entitled; *The Study of Metaphorical Expression in Dream Theatre's Album "Images and Words"*.

1.2 Limitation of the Problem

This study is limited to analyze the categories, meanings and functions of metaphorical expression used in the album of Dream Theater *"Images and Words"* based on semantic point of view.

1.3 Formulation of the Problem

Based on the limitation above, the problem is formulated as follow: What are the categories, meanings, and functions of metaphorical expression used in Dream Theater's album *"Images and Words"*?

1.4 The Purpose of the Paper

The purposes of this paper as follows:

1. To find the categories of metaphorical expression in Dream Theater's album *"Images and Words"*.

2. To find the meaning of metaphorical expression in Dream Theater's album *"Images and Words"*.

3. To find the functions of metaphorical expression in Dream Theater's album *"Images and Words"*.

1.5 Definition of Key Terms

Metaphorical Expression : A <u>figure of speech</u> that constructs an <u>analogy</u> between two things or ideas; the analogy is conveyed by the use of a metaphorical word in place of some other word.

Images and Words : The album of Dream Theater which was launched in 1992. This album consists of eight songs. The songs in this album mostly talk about the spirit of life.

1.6 Technique of Data Collection

1. Choosing data sample

   The writer chooses many songs on June 2011. Not all of the songs which choose by the writer contain of metaphorical expression, so the writer decided to take the Dream Theater's album *"Images and Words"* as the data sample.

2. Browsing and downloading from the internet

   The writer looks through the Dream Theater's album *"Images and Words"* in goggle.com and downloading all songs of that album.

3. Visiting *darklyric.com.*

   The writer also searches the transcription of all songs in the Dream Theater's album *"Images and Words"*, since it was necessary in analyzing the data.

4. After collecting the data, the writer analyzed the data in order to find the metaphorical expression by using semantic point of view.

1.7   Technique of Data Analysis

The data were analyzed by using following procedures:

1. Taking out the lyrics which showed the metaphorical expression used in the album.

2. Classifying the data into the categories of metaphorical expressions is by combining the theory of Ullman and Leech, which are; animistic metaphor, anthropomorphic, from concrete to abstract and vise versa metaphor and Synaesthetic metaphor.

3. Classifying the data into the functions of metaphorical expression is by using Ullman theory, they are; expressive device and as an outlet for intense emotion. Along with the additional theory from Ungerer and Schmid, which are constitutive function and explanatory function.

4. Identifying the features of context of the conversation;

   The features of context were divided on two items. There are title and song writer.

5. Giving an explanation about the meaning which occurs in metaphorical expression based on the data findings.