

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents the background of the study, the problem of the study, the objective of study, the significance of the study, the scope and limitation of the study and the definition of key terms.

A. Background of the Study

Language is an instrument or a form of culture used by humans to communicate to each other, either by oral, written or signal. Through language, humans can adapt to the tradition, behavior, social manner, and easily socialize with different societies. The language has an important role in daily life. Because without language, the complex structure of social life cannot be achieved.

Language can be divided into two functions; there are common functions and special functions. Language as a common function is used as an instrument to show expressions, communication, integration and social adaptation¹. Meanwhile, language as special functions, such as; arranges relationships in daily association, rendering art, study of codices and also to exploit science and technology. Language is also an instrument to convey an idea whereas the communication is a delivery process of that information from one to another in order to influence each other.

Language must be understood and also should be interesting.

¹Komunikasi, Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. (November 5th, 2009).<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/komunikasi>, p.1

Musical languages are languages based on musical sounds, either instead of or in addition to articulation. They can be categorized as constructed languages, and as whistled languages. Whistled languages are dependent on an underlying articulator language, in actual use in various cultures as a means for communication over distance, or as secret codes. The mystical concept of the language of the birds connects the two categories, since some authors of the musical priori languages have speculated about a mystical or primeval origin of the whistled languages.

Music is a collection of tones that have coherence and harmonization that is all tied up in one's irregular rhythm and tempo of speech. Basically, musical sound that has no tone can also be called music. It all depends on who is listening to the sound. Music is the result of human culture, human culture attraction among many others, is said to be interesting because music plays a role in various fields. From the point of view of psychology, music often becomes a means of fulfilling human needs in the desire for art and creativity. From the social side, the music can be a mirror to the existing social order in the community at that time period the music was created.

Song as a medium of universal and effective can pour ideas, messages, and the expression of the creator to the audience through the lyrics, musical composition, musical instrument selection, and how he brought. The idea of the song can be an expression of love, protest against something, anger, anxiety and so forth, all of which were put together with beautiful words,

poetic and not always straightforward. Undeniable lyrics are the dominant factor in the delivery of messages as part of the framework of the song that eventually enjoyed by listeners.

In a piece of music, there is an essential element in addition to the musical arrangement as well as sentence structure that contains certain purposes. The lyrical content is a verbal communication medium that has a meaning, a song when selecting the right could have the same value with thousands of words or events, are also able to attract the attention of people who listened to the lyrics. Through the lyrics, the songwriter wants to deliver a message that is expressing itself based on the experience of events that occur in the world around, where she interacts with them. Music that contains a text (lyrics in the song) will communicate some concepts. The concept tells a story, the impression and experience of the authors, and gives rise to comments or social opinion. Music is used as a vehicle to bring the idea of the author (messages) are perceived by the author. The interaction between music and drama (stories) in the text is often an important contributor to the overall performance of the system delivering a message or information.

Through the lyrics that are written by the composer of the song, listeners are invited to interpret through the brain, that stores experiences and knowledge, and to make it a basic grounding in digesting the beauty of the lyrics. In other words, the lyrics were able to cause a lot of perception that is strongly influenced by the level of understanding someone who

comes from life experience possessed. A play on words in a song can create a work that can be enjoyed in its entirety. Or in another sense a song that was created intelligently can bring the listener to appreciate and permeates the positive meaning of a lyric, regardless of genre carried. And also, the language becomes a very important thing in a piece of music, because the language encapsulates the code representation of the easiest to digest, arrested, and understood by the audience. The language in the lyrics of the song also carries a variety of religion.

The message conveyed by the composer through his songs were certainly not going to come from outside the composer, in the sense that the message comes from the pattern of thought as well as of the frame of reference and field of experience which is formed from the surrounding social environment.

In this paper, the writer focuses on song lyric as the study. Song Lyric is an art genre because consist of personal expression,² therefore the song lyric as a poem and moral value. Song is one some ways for the songwriters have made their works using this style. Moral Value is a particular way to express an idea or concept through the usage of language. This particular way is usually different from one person to another; therefore, language style can represent someone's character or personality.

Morality is a common word to say, but it is very difficult to apply in human daily life. Since people were born they had been taught about

²AlwiHasan DKK, KamusBesar Indonesia, edisi III, (Jakarta: BalaiPustaka, 2000).

morality, however by the time the morality will decrease or delay. Morality is something that must be owned by human because without morality human will not be respected by other people. People will be easy to socialize with people around them and will be accepted in the community.

Moral values cannot only be obtained by discussions in formal situations and books but also people can use songs to deliver the moral messages.³ In some cases, students will be bored when they get moral values from textbooks and the advice from their teachers or parents. On the other hand, moral values can be delivered well by using music because many people use song to express their feeling at the moment. It can give enjoyment, fun, and pleasure in teaching. Based on this nature of the learner, music has been utilized in the teaching. There exists much of literature evidence showed that music can have a beneficial role in teaching. The use of song also enhances student's language learning and language acquisition. In order to instruct the second language, song can be utilized in different ways.

In song, there are words called lyrics. It contains the message that is used to express humans feeling and experiences. It has imaginative quality and specific characteristic of language used in, such as denotation, connotation, figurative and symbol. In this study the writer would like to please the reader by presenting the message that can be found in the lyrics of a song suggested the moral for many people who like listening to music.

³Arista NikenKartika Sari, S.Pd.I. The Poetic And Moral Value Analysis Seen On Song Lyrics Of Forgive Me Album By Maher Zain.2014.

In the music industry there are many bands and solo singers. One of the solo singers is a Harris J, a young singer who is a British Muslim. Harris J began his singing career in 2013. At that time, Harris entered a talent show in the UK, titled Awakening Talent Contest. In the talent show, Harris J who has a nice voice and character, managed to come out as the winner. The event jumped started Harris J's singing career. After seeing the appearance of Harris J, Maher Zein who was also a judge on the program, made a song for Harris J titled "Salam Alaikum". Harris J got a contract with Awakening Records for the production of his first single, which was released in August 2015 and immediately received a positive response from viewers on YouTube. Now figure Harris J has become an idol and inspiration among young Muslims through his songs. In July 2015, Harris J graduated from the world famous BRIT School of Performing Arts in London (Alumni include Adele, Amy Winehouse and others). Harris J has appeared in charity tours in English and in Mandela tribute concert in South Africa. World Music Trends has identified Harris as an "artist who will take the global Islamic music by storm". Harris J considers himself a proud Muslim and a true Brit and now look forward to taking his new mix of music inspired by the faith to the world.⁴

From discussion above, it is very challenging or interesting to do a research on the moral values in song lyrics. Therefore, the writer takes the title of this study "Moral Values In Songs Lyrics of Harris J".

⁴Biodata Harris J di Web Awakening Records.

B. The Problem of the Study

The problem of this thesis study is “What are the moral values found in the song lyric of Harris J songs ?”

C. The Objectives of Study

The objective of this study is to find out the moral value in the song lyric of Harris J.

D. The Significance of Study

The writer hopes that the result of this research will be beneficial both theoretical and practical.

1. Theoretical

The writer expects the result of this study can be advantageous to the world of literature as complement to the study of song and contribute the development of moral values on lyric song Harris J.

2. Practical

a. The writer expects that the study can contribute to the development of literary study, particularly among the students of STAIN Kediri who are interested in the literary study.

b. The writer expects that the listener of Harris J songs can take the moral values in each song.

c. The writer expects to defend good character in each people.

E. Scope and Limitation

The Islamic concept about moral values is chosen by the researcher to analyze the data. By doing this research, the writer hopes to be able to collect the information about moral values in Harris J song lyrics. Furthermore, the research describes about moral values in Harris J songs lyrics. To make this study more effectiveness, the research focuses and choose on five songs from one album. Those songs are (*Salam Alaikum, Worth it, I promise, The One, Good Life and Rosul Allah*)

The researcher also chooses songs which uses more English in the lyrics in order to align with the the theme and the base of the study which must use English literature as the main object. The songs taken from the first album with Salam in title *Salam Alaikum, Worth it, I promise, The One, Good Life and Rosull Allah*. These songs were all written by Sami Yusuf.

F. Definition of key Terms

Definition of key terms is very important in this thesis. Its aim is to avoid misunderstanding and misinterpretation. Within exist in the study. The necessary terms are defined as follows:

1. Analysis

Analysis is the process of considering something carefully or using statistical methods in order to understand it or explain it. Analysis divided into smaller parts in an entity, by means of identifying,

comparing, and finding a relationship based on parameters to make an attempt on examine and prove their truth.⁵

2. Moral

Moral comes from the Latin word “mores”, it means behaviour, tradition and habit. The words “moral” and “ethical” are often used most likely as synonyms⁶. Moral refers to what is good and bad or right and wrong in people’s actions in relationship with other. It means morality as distinguished from non-moral concerns with good or right refers to judgments about welfare, justice, and right.⁷

3. Value

The term value comes from Latin *valere*, meaning “to be of worth” is highly elastic. He defined value as a synonym for good or valuable. It means that value refers to something good, desirable, and valuable. In addition, value theory refers to the study of the manner in which human beings develop, assert and believe in certain values, and act or fail to act on them. The opposite of value is evil or disvalue.⁸

4. Moral Values

Moral values are the standards of good and evil, which govern an individual’s behavior and choices. Individual’s morals may derive from society and government, religion, or one’s self. When moral values

⁵Siswanto. *Metode Penelitian Sastra*. (Yogyakarta: Pustaka Pelajar, 2010), 75.

⁶ Earle, William James. *Introduction to Philosophy*.(New York: McGraw-Hill International Editions 1992).

⁷ Sternberg, Robert J. *Encyclopedia of Human Intelligence*. (New York: Macmilan Publishing Company 1994), p.938.

⁸Louis P. Pojman, *Ethics;Discovering Right and Wrong*, (California:Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1990), 84.

derive from society and government they, of necessity, may change as the laws and morals of society change.⁹ Moral values constitutes guidance for human beings facing their life with good behavior and to enhance themselves and also others. The main aim from it is getting happiness and eternity the world safety.

5. Harris J

Harris J is a British singer. Harris J father named Rahim Jung. As a talented young singer who was born in Chelsea, London, England on May 2, 1997, Harris J took the kind of R & B, Pop, Electro Pop and Jazz. His young age, talent and The Talent Harris J to become a singer has been very obvious. Harris J is an English singer, a Muslim with Indian and Irish blood from his father named Rahim Jung, along with Jamaican ancestry from his mother. Before becoming a well-known young singer, Harris J had joined the football training for several years in the Chelsea Academy. After winning the talent competition in 2013, Harris J immediately signed an exclusive recording contract with Awakening Records. With great lyrics combined with pop music and the melodious sound of his voice, makes his songs quite successful in the market, and industrial music. Since being uploaded to YouTube, Harris J's single "Salam Allaikum" has already reached over 5 million plays.

⁹<http://www.allaboutphilosophy.org/moral-values-faq.htm>, accessed at November 05, 2014

Besides being known as a singer, Harris J is also known as Hafiz Al-Qur'an.

6. Song Lyric

A song is a composition that contains vocal parts (lyrics) that are performed (sung), commonly accompanied by musical instruments....”claims “communication through music is verbal communication since songs are made up of well-chosen words or lyrics”¹⁰.Lyrics provide guidelines to the development of ideas expressed by the composer to the listener that make them understand the ideas inside the lyric. The listener will be able to understand what the composer is going to share and what is going on. Lyrics is the one way how the composer express their personal experiences.

¹⁰Dr. Sony Jalarajan Raj, Muniapan, Balakrishnan, “Music, song lyrics, philosophy and human values:Exploringpoetkannadasan’s contributions to The Tamil community worldwide”,*Journal of Arts, Science & Commerce*, (2012), 2