

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

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

### **A. Background of the Study**

Literature, as a part literary work, is the limitation of life that covers many aspect of life that can enrich our knowledge of life. It means that studying literature is important because it can follow us in a deep and persuasive ways of our knowing. But we are less interested to learn about literature, as there is an ideal that it is not real, so, the writer wants to solve the problem concerning it as the effort to show about how important to learn literary work is. Literature is created to communicate its author significant expression and message, so, it is very important for us to enrich our experience life.<sup>1</sup>

Poetry is at once the most simple and the most complex form of literary expression. Poetry, in fact, is what poets have written, and good Poetry is what appeals most to experienced readers of poetry. Further, poetry exists to be read and enjoyed rather than to be discussed and analyzed. If discussion and analysis are necessary for full perception and full appreciation. Criticism is helpful only when it

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<sup>1</sup> Cummings, Michael and Robert Simmons. The Language of Literature. 1983. hlm 5

increases the reader's awareness of what the poem really is, and does so without doing unnecessary violence to the reader's first impressions.<sup>2</sup>

All literature class into novel, poem, and short story. Including an analysis of poem is subject in this thesis. By reading poem, the writer can learn many things related to human problem which be useful for our daily lives and if we really want to understand their content, we have to read that poem and study all of components related in that poem deeply. There are many great author that produce poems in this world. Every people have different character, theme and content in their poem. All of them components that make the differences of one author to another author of poem.

In this study the writer wants to analyze the great works of William Blake, a British poet. Among the poets of British in his decade, William Blake is the most unique one. I choose William Blake because he was his own printer and his own publisher, he could begin engraving the plates for a book before he had finished writing the text. Although Blake is now internationally celebrated as a writer and an artist, he was little known in those capacities during his life time. He was trained as an engraver, and for most of this life he earned a rather modest living by engraving illustrations for the published texts of other people's writings. None of his important literary work was printed and published in the then customary fashion, and some of them remained in manuscript until long after his death. He is painter, visionary mystic, and engraver, who illustrated and printed his own books.

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<sup>2</sup> David, Daiches. *Poem in English 1530-1940*. New York: The Ronald Press Company. 1950. hlm 12

Because there are many literary work of William Blake so, to make a specific and focus study, the writer will takes some poems that conclude in Songs of Innocence and Songs of Experience poems of William Blake to be researched. The writer chooses that poem because Songs of Innocence and Songs of Experience was in its earliest complete for a Blake and engraved book, and in seeking to interpret it we must recognize the artistic consequences of the unusual manner in which such a book was produced and distributed, and the best poem found in that collection. There are many poems that conclude in Songs of Innocence and Songs of Experience, but the writer only takes six poems that conclude in Songs of Innocence and Songs of Experience. There are The Chimney Sweeper, Holy Thursday, and Nurse's Songs. However that poem showing "the two contrary sates of the human soul".

## **B. Problem of the Study**

Based on the background of the study above, the problems of this study can be formulated as follow:

1. What are the differences in content of the poems of the same title found "Songs of Innocence" and "Songs of Experience"?
2. What are the differences in Literary elements of the poems of the same title found "Songs of Innocence" and "Songs of Experience"?

**C. Objective of the study**

1. To describe the differences in content of William Blake's poems found "Songs of Innocence" and "Songs of Experience".
2. To know the differences of literary element of William Blake's poems found "Songs of Innocence" and "Songs of Experience" .

**D. Significance of the Study.**

The results of this study give contribution to the teacher, students, readers, and also for the writer herself.

1. The Teacher.

This study will help the teacher to give more developing material of teaching literature especially in teaching English poetry and also give more information in detail about William Blake's poems related to "Songs of Innocence" and "Songs of Experience".

2. The Students

This study will help the students to understand about some kinds of related to poems in literature work that will help them to analyze poem. The writer also hopes that the students of English Department are encouraged discussing about classics literary work especially in literature, and poetry.

### 3. The Reader

This study help the reader to get more information about of poems related to “Songs of Innocence” and “Songs of Experience” and make them easier to understand the poem. This study is as additional for the literature, as the reference and enrich discourse literature for the reader. The result of the research is also hoped to give contribution in giving knowledge to the reader to take the social value in their life. Moreover, the reader might continue to analyze William Blake’s other works.

### 4. The Writer

This study will take the writer become more understand this poem and can take the moral message as a knowledge of life and will encourage to make better.

## **E. Scope and Limitation of the Study**

This proposal will discuss about the poem of “Songs of Innocence and Experience” by William Blake: The scope of this study is taking about the analysis of poetry. If we want to analyze the poetry, we may analyze the elements such as rhyme, rhythm, figure of speech, theme, paraphrase, tone, character, conflict, moral message, plot, language style, content, etc.

In this research the writer limit the scope to make easy and match with the knowledge and capability of the writer. So the scope of the study is limited to the content and literary devices of those poems that will showing “the two contrary states of human soul”.

## **F. Definition of Key Terms**

To understand more about this thesis the writer will give the definition of some key term such as:

### 1. An Analysis

An analysis is the study of something by examining its parts of the result of this. In this research the writer analysis the William Blake's poems.

### 2. Poem

Poem is parts of form of fiction. It means that fiction includes novels, short stories, fables, plays, and poems. The poems that writer analysis in this research is found in Songs of Innocence and Songs of Experience collection of William Blake. The poems are The Chimney sweeper, Holy Thursday, and Nurse's Song.

### 3. Content

Content is ideas written or spoken about of William Blake's poems related to Songs of Innocence and Songs of Experience. Although in those collection has same title, but the writer will analysis the differences of the content between them.

### 4. William Blake

William Blake (1757-1827) was a British poet, painter, visionary mystic, and engraver, who illustrated and printed his own book. Blake proclaimed the supremacy of the imagination over the rationalism and materialism of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Misunderstanding shadowed his career as writer and artist and it was left to later generations to recognize his importance.