

AN ANALYSIS OF THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS ON THE CRANBERRIES SONG LYRICS

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Song's lyrics have similar form with poem. In some current usage, lyrics still retain to sense of poem to set music. By music, people get some lesson as far as they understand and are able to catch the content or idea of the song. Song has its own characteristic and content that makes it different one and another. One of the song's contents could be social problem. In this case, the writer took the Cranberries song, as the subject of analysis, which discusses more about the social problem. This study covers the problems of study: (1) What are social problems found in the Cranberries song's lyrics? and (2) What is the most dominant of social problem in the song?. This research used descriptive design because the study to obtained information concerning the social problems in the Cranberries song. The approach used in this study was expressive approach for the writer of the thesis only concerned with the author in expressing the idea into his work. The population of research is lyrics of the Cranberries song in the album of Animal Instinct 1996, in which this album consisted of 15 songs. The writer took 6 songs from the album as sample using purposive random sampling.

The study showed that the social problems revealed in the six songs as follows: Firstly, 'Woman Without Pride' song involves sex role and family problems. Secondly, 'Ode to My Family' has family problem. Thirdly, 'Bosnia' has warfare and international conflicts, ethnic minorities and violence. Fourthly, 'Zombie' reveals warfare and international conflicts, and violence. Fifthly, 'Salvation' consists of drug abuse problems. Finally, 'Fee fi fo' song reveals problems of sexual behavior and violence. Based on the result above, it can be concluded that the most dominant social problem is violence.