

A STUDY ON THE MESSAGES OF MICHAEL LEARNS TO ROCK'S SONG 'HOW MANY HOURS'

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Language plays a very important role in our lives. It is used to communicate with each other to express their ideas or emotions. Literary work is one of the uses of language that is made to give pleasure and enjoyment to the reader. Poetry and music are kinds of literary work. Song is the combination of poetry and music.

The purpose of this study is to find out the general meaning, the detailed meaning, and the message inside the lyrics poem "How Many Hours" in Michael Learns to Rock's song.

This study uses a descriptive qualitative method as the research design because there is no treatment in this study as in experimental research. The approach that is used in this study is an objective approach because this study does not concern with the author's experience and life. The object of this study is the lyrics of "How Many Hours" in Michael Learns to Rock's song, because it contains general meaning, detailed meaning, and the message inside.

The general meaning of the lyrical poem "How Many Hours" is about the poet's expression toward war and its effects, and his hope for peace. The detailed meaning of the lyrical poem "How Many Hours", in the beginning, the poet describes a condition of a family who lives in the middle of the war. The poet shows the sadness of a mother toward her life and the future of her little son. A young calm man has changed to become a stiff and rigorous man because of the war. In the second stanza, the poet shows the voice of those who live in the middle of war that they need a protection, a safe place, and a nice world. In the third stanza, the poet wants to say that war happens because there is no mutual love among human beings. The war gives a long tear and fear to the citizens. Their days are never far from a long suffering and fear that they themselves do not know when those feelings will disappear. In the last stanza, the poet teases the people who do not care about the war by showing a picture in which the children are still playing in their world that has become broken. The message found in the lyrical poem "How Many Hours" is that war gives fear, trauma, and suffering to the citizens. Every person should have mutual love among others, so that, the war will not happen.