

AN ANALYSIS OF FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE THAT IS USED IN LYRIC OF SCORPION SONG

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Literature represents human's experiences of life using language as its medium. Literature offers the readers either imaginative stories or any factual information. Therefore, literature is divided into two; imaginative and informative literature.

Among imaginative literatures, song lyric is one of them. Hornby (1974:822) stated that, song lyric is a short poem in a number of verses set to music to be sung. In its writing, the songwriters or composers usually beautify the language they use by any figurative language, so that the listeners will be more attracted in listening the song.

This study is aimed at describing the existence of figurative and moral lesson in the lyrics of Scorpion's song. The choice of Scorpion's songs is based on two reasons. The first is the writer himself is a big fan of Scorpion. The second is the scorpion's songs do not only talk about love, but also freedom, equality, and other social issues.

The writer of this thesis uses descriptive method. The population was fifteen songs available in the album of Acoustica. Five songs are randomly drawn as the sample of the study by random sampling. Those songs are You and I, Under the Same Sun, Love of My Life, Life is Too Short, and Wind of Change. In analyzing the lyrics, the writer of this thesis uses objective approach.

After completing the study, the writer found out that the existing kind of figurative language in the lyrics of Scorpion's songs were paradox (5.7%), antithesis (18.57%), euphemism (20%), apostrophe (17.14%), synecdoche (5.7%), irony (5.7%), parallelism (2.85%), hyperbole (5.7%), simile (5.7%), personification (8.75%), and allusion (14.28%).

Meanwhile the moral lesson found were:

The war is so cruel that people should not declare in order to evade great loss of many innocent civilian's life (Under the Same Sun); Most citizens of any nation prefer to live democratically (Wind of Changes); A couple of lovers should trust and be loyal to each other (You and I); Loyalty is what a lover should give for his/her couple (Love of My Life); A lover should use time available wisely to please his couple (Love is Too Short).