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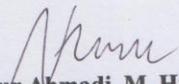
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## **ABSTRACT**

The thesis entitles “An Analysis Elements of Nature Used in Bruno Mars Songs”. The objectives of study are to find out element of nature used and to describe meaning elements of nature. Because this thesis was not use number in series of number, therefore the researcher used descriptive qualitative method to describe facts, data or material objects. This study data take from Bruno Mar’s album by take 5 songs in random album. The techniques data collections are from internet, articles, and library. In this thesis the researcher found 9 elements of nature used in Bruno Mar’s songs, they are; gold, star, moon, sun, moonshine, sky, sea, jungle, and gorilla. On reveal meaning of nature’s elements, the researcher used figurative meaning to get the meaning which; gold is reveal the characteristic of someone who is smart, star is representative of beauty of girl, moon as place to sharing something, sun used representative life of someone, moonshine as way of life if human into better life, sky is reveal high human of life destination, sea as a mysterious place, jungle refers to wild of life, and last gorillas as crazy of character. Bruno Mars used those elements of nature as representative of human characteristic.

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## **ABSTRACT**

Judul skripsi adalah “An Analysis of Nature Used in Bruno Mars Songs”. Target dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mencari unsure alam yang digunakan dalam lagu dan untuk mencari arti dari unsur alam tersebut. Karena penelitian ini tidak menggunakan angka, oleh karena itu peneliti menggunakan metode kualitatif untuk fakta-fakta, data atau objek materi. Data penelitian ini di ambil dari album Bruno Mars’s dengan mengambil 5 lagu secara acak didalam albumnya. Teknik pengumpulan data dari internet, artikel, dan perpustakaan. Dalam penelitian ini, peneliti menemukan 9 unsur alam yang di gunakan dalam lagu Bruno Mars”, antara lain; emas, bintang, bulan, matahari, sinar rembulan, langit, laut, hutan, dan gorila, di tiampilkan dalam makna unsur alam, peneliti menggunakan makna kiasan untuk mendapatkan makna yang mana; emas adalah mengungkapkan karakter seseorang yang cerdas atau pintar, bintang mewakili untuk seseorang yang cantik, bulan sebuah tempat untuk curhat atau berbagi sesuatu, matahari sebagai mewakili hidup sesorang, sinar rembulan sebagai jalan hidup seseorang ke dalam kehidupan yang lebih baik, langit mengungkapkan tujuan hidup manusia yang tinggi, laut sebagai sebuah tempat yang misterius, hutan sebagai kehidupan yang liar, dan gorila sebagai karakter manusia yang gila. Bruno Mars’ menggunakan unsur lama itu sebagai simbol dari karakter manusia.

**Kata kunci :** *Unsur Alam, Makna Kiasan*

## **A. Introduction**

### **1. Background of Study**

Literature is influential to human life; it is for showed feeling, emotion, experience and love. It contain of great source in delivered knowledge about human life. The reader can learn more about literature and literary work has good effect for reader, usually the author of literature used it for express their hearts. Nature is the material of world that as surrounding humankind and existing independently of people activities. All of elements in nature are created by God such as sun and moon. Therefore those elements play crucial role in man life. To further extent man cannot be separated from the element of nature because they are connected to human in every way. Elements of nature also have an important contributed for human life. Nature's element are controller the world such as; sun can make the day into afternoon and night and sun also used for control the times, that's will make humans know when are they going to work and going to break. This is like a dancer cannot be separated with the dance; they are related and connected.

From the description above, the writer will be focused on the use of elements of nature in Bruno Mars's songs. Bruno Mars songs used many elements of nature that make those songs are live to the readers. That make they are entering to the story. In this research writer will look for *The Use of Elements of Nature in Bruno Mars Song*.

### **2. Research Questions**

Based on the background of this study, this writing hopefully provides several answers for following research questions:

- What elements of nature are used in Bruno Mars songs?
- What meaning can be inferred out of the elements of nature in Bruno Mars songs?

### **3. The Purpose of the Study**

Based on the research questions above, the objectives of this study are:

- To find out elements of nature which used in Bruno Mars songs
- To describe meaning of the elements of nature in Bruno Mars songs

### **4. Scope of the Study**

- The subject of study in Bruno mars song lyrics
- The study is focused on the use of elements of nature in bruno mars songs
- The author use a discriptive analysis to analyze the use of elements of nature in Bruno mars songs

## 5. Significance of the Study

In this study, when the reader read this study, the writer wishes that study can increase the knowledge of the reader about elements of nature used in songs. It is hope can useful for help next generation of Mataram University who want to make elements of nature as they proposal and this study can use as reference.

## 6. Definition of Key Terms

- Element of nature is a physical form in this world which created naturally (Cuciati; 2013:27)
- Song lyric is a part of literature because of the lyric is a set of words created by the poet that has ability in mastery of language, in other word we can say lyric is the same as poetry but utilizing lyric it use in the song and usually accompanied by music
- A song is a short metrical composition intended or adapted for singing, especially one rhymed stanzas; a lyric, a ballad
- Symbolic meaning is meaning of object not in true meaning but has different meaning depend on the realism of human. According to Symons (1899:490) “comes the turn of the soul..... a literature in which visible world is no longer a reality and unseen world no longer a dreams”.

## B. Review of related Literature

### 1. Related study

There is one previous study that writers used as references. The first one is Ismi thesis (2014), in his study “figurative used in Eminem songs”. He focused in describing the types and the meaning of figurative language. And he was focused on metaphor, metonymy, simile and hyperbole. He was founds the type of figurative language used. And he know the meaning of carried by the four types of figurative language was explained contextually based on the songs, the first song, simile is representation a powerful person, in the second song “ Not Afraid” the figurative meaning that are carried In metaphor covers the personal problems. And he was used a descriptive analytic method in found the kinds of figurative used in the songs. This thesis has the same discussion about the same object used on the songs. But have different object to find out. They are to find out figurative meaning used on song, but not showed what element of nature used to make the figurative meaning become meaningful. They just take the figurative meaning of songs, this thesis is focus on elements of nature used in Bruno mars songs and will get nature’s element meaning by used figurative meaning, and this songs has beautiful word that’s are contain with natures element, this songs are showed the writer felt and thought by use element of nature, for example; “make the **Stars** look like they’re not **Shinin**”mean beauty of girl, because when her smile can make the star losing shine.

### 2. The Nature of literature

Literature is an art form that is expressed by the thought and feelings of the beauty of language and depth of message. According to Mc Gee literature is a way to experience a way of life, a time period, a culture, an emotion, a deed, an event that you are not otherwise able, willing (as, say, in the case of murder), or capable of encountering in any other manner. Literature, then, opens doors to new and different life experiences.

Literature is the way to express human being and literature also has three grouped of genres; they are poetry, drama and prose

Poetry is an imaginative awareness of experience expressed through meaning, sound, and rhythmic language choices so as evoke an emotional response. Poetry is a piece of creative writing in verse which contains one expression of deep feeling or noble thought in beautiful language, written with the intension of communicating experience (Hornby, 1989:954) And poetry will be more attractive, beautiful, and lively and has deep meaning for the language used implies that different from literal meaning. According to (Ciardi,2004;04) poetry is inseparable from its own performance of itself. Just the case as dancing can not be separated with the dancers, they are fulfill each other.

Prose is writing that use an ordinary language. It is distinguished from poetry which tends to express the idea through meaning, sound and rhythmic, language voice, in writing a prose, there is no necessity to use beautiful words. If the formal features of words (rhyme, alliteration, and meter) have an important role in creating verse, prose tends to consider the content as the priority. Prose is divided into fiction and nonfiction. Fiction is divided into novel, short story, novelette, while nonfiction can be in form of scientific report, journal and history.

Drama is a composition in verse or prose intended to portray life or character or to tell a story usually involving conflicts and emotions through action and dialogue and typically designed for theatrical performance

### **3. Elements of Nature**

Sometimes nature refers to something that had created in earth by themselves such as plants or animals. In other words, nature is all natural phenomena consist of plant and animal life. Element of nature is a physical form in this world which created naturally (Cuciati; 2013:27). The Element of nature such as Sun, water, wind, stars, earth, trees, mountains, fire, and are man all essential to human need all of the natures element unclear ably to support their lives. So, elements of nature play very crucial in human life. The elements of natures are also known as the elements of life or element of survival. Without them, life could not exist.

### **4. Music, Song, and lyric**

#### **a. Music**

Music is an art form whose medium is organized in time. Music consists of several elements such as; pitch, timbre, and tempo. Generally elements of music are pitch (which governs melody and harmony). Those are related to David Bainbridge (1999: 50)said that “A musical work is one consisting of music, exclusive of any words or action intended to be sung, spoken or performed with music”.

#### **b. Song**

Song is a short metrical composition intended or adapted for singing, especially one rhymed stanzas; a lyric, a ballad. Lyrics of song consist of a poetic, rhyming nature, but also song may be religious or free prose.

#### **c. Lyric**

Lyric is combination of words to make up a song, by speaking and singing. The word of lyric come from Greek word, with word lyricos, and the meaning is “singing to the lyre”(Wheeler, 1998;177). Song lyric is genre of music popular. In many examples of discussed demonstrate that switching is skillfully exploited in add to the rhetorical and aesthetic effect of the lyrics.

## **5. Naturalism and Symbolism in song**

### **a. Naturalism in Song**

Naturalism is the ancient term for the physical sciences or the study of nature. Naturalism is physical science to embodied connection between individuals and their environments, often drawing as physiologically and psychically determined dimensions of their characters as overwhelmed by accidental circumstances rather than acting rationally, freely, and heroically upon the world (Darwin ,471;1840).

### **b. Song symbolism**

Symbolism is applied only to word or phrase that signifies an object or even which in its turn signifies something, or has a range of reference beyond itself (Abrams,311;1957). Symbol is something used to represents something like words, phrase, and expressions that associated with meanings. It means that all aspects of human life such as people’s activities, characters, behaviors represented by a symbols because our life cannot separate with a symbol. In other words, a symbol is to represent an abstract idea. In literature especially in poem, symbolism is an important device for writers or poets itself.

## **6. Meaning inference**

Literal meaning is truthful meaning of word. According to (Breal Michel ,1883;3) said that “ the meaning of particular word is regarded as pointer to the designed object in the real world”, here when the peoples want to say something, they must not showed the picture of what they want just said the word, for example; apple is fruit with variant color of skin, this is meaning of apple in literal meaning. But in figurative meaning, apple has different meaning, for example; “you are apple in my eyes” here apple mean is someone meaningful for some people. Figurative meaning is uses simile, metaphor, and personification, to describe something often through comparison with something different.

### **a. Literal meaning**

According to Michel (1994;1) said that “literal meaning is a commonsense concept- a sort of first principle of meaning itself. It is sort of meaning direct, original, and unadorned”. Here literal meaning is the true meaning of word. For example: fire is oxidation process of material and makes it hot and shining. Those are true meaning of fire, it also used in elements of nature. As a illustration, Gembul was burnt by fire, and felt hurt. Gembul can be hurt by fire because it is like the explanation above fire is hot and it can hurt someone.

### **b. Figurative Meaning**

Figurative meaning is uses simile, metaphor, and personification, to describe something often through comparison with something different. For

example she like a lion, lion here is mean of strong people. It is metaphor form. Lion means strong, powerful, wise, so she has character like lion, she is brave, never give up and she is good leader.

## **C. Research method**

### **1. Research Method**

The research method that used in this study is qualitative descriptive method. Qualitative descriptive method is qualitative description of the facts, data or material objects. It is not a series of numbers, but merely the expression of language or discourses through the proper interpretation and systematic.

### **2. Source of Data**

The source data of this thesis are taken from Bruno mars albums and the album release in internet browsing. The albums of Bruno mars consist of two albums which consist of some songs that can be source of data in this case. From the albums, the writer will found kinds of elements of nature used in every lyric. The writer chooses five songs from the albums of Bruno mars. The samples consist of:

- Gold
- Talking to the moon
- Moonshine
- Count on me
- Gorillas

### **3. Method of data collection**

In collection data of this research, the writer used some steps:

- Browsing lyric and song of Bruno mars and after that downloaded that. This is as sources.
- Listen the song of all Bruno mars albums. And collect the data from the song. Listen the songs aim to know the songs that used elements of nature.
- Choosing the songs. After listen the songs. The writer chooses three songs from the all Bruno mars albums with used elements of nature
- Read the lyric of songs, in this step of collecting data, the writer reads more lyric songs that will be analyzed to make sure that lyric of songs use elements of nature.
- Identifying the sentences of the selected lyric songs that contain elements of nature. The writer tries to identify what kinds of elements of nature used in the selected lyric songs.

### **4. Method of data analysis**

The technique that used to analyze the data is descriptive analysis. It means that the writer will analyze the elements of nature used in lyric of Bruno mars songs

The design steps of data analysis in this study are as follows:

- The writer read the read the lyric of Bruno Mars song
- Identify every word of the lyrics which related to the topic.
- The writer looking for the nature's elements in Bruno Mars song's lyrics

- The writer agglomerated nature's elements based on lyrics.
- The writer gives explanation of the meaning of nature's elements
- The result of analysis are concluded by the writer

#### D. FINDING AND DISCUSSION

This chapter contain with results of research about elements of nature used in Bruno Mars songs. All about findings and discussions are related with research questions above. The researcher focuses on finding element of nature used and describes meaning of elements nature used in Bruno Mars songs.

##### 1. Finding data

After analysis five songs of Bruno Mars album, finally found elements of nature and meaning of element of nature in that album. The element of nature which the researcher found are such as mine material like gold, galaxy material like (moon, star, sky ), element of sea , forest and animal.

Song	Element of Nature's
Gold	Like gold (line 3), like a star(line 14), my world ( line19)
Talking to The Moon	The Stars (line 9), the Moon (line 12), the Sun (line 26)
Moonshine	Moonshine (line 12), the Stars ( line 12), Sky (line 31)
Count on me	The middle of the Sea ( line 1)
Gorillas	In the sky( line 4), this Jungle (line 8), gorilla ( line 11)

From description above, the researcher found meaning of nature element which will be describe as below:

Figurative language used are:

##### a. Simile

Kennedy affirms that simile is comparison of two things, indicated by some connective, usually like, as, than or verb such as resembles (1979:490).Simile uses word "like or as" to compare two explicitly unlike thing as being similar. These lyrics are used simile in each song : shine like gold, like a star, like gorilla.

## **b. Hyperbole**

Hyperbole is overstatement to exaggerate language, hyperbole used to raise strong felt or for make a strong impression. But the language not in true meaning, just for changes the word in express the felt, like disappointed felling, sorrow and happy. In Bruno Mars song used hyperbole suck as: “you got your legs up in the sky”,

## **c. Metaphor**

Metaphor is second parts of figurative languages, it is like simile that is comparison but not used words like (like or as). Metaphor is an implied analogy which imaginatively identifies one thing with other, a metaphor of the topes device by with an author turn, or twist, the meaning of a word (Moeinzadeh, 2006:10)”.

It showed in this lyric which: “talking to the moon”,

## **d. Personification**

Personification is gives animals or inanimate objects human like characteristic. It showed in these lyrics which: “if you find yourself stuck in the middle of the sea”, “but in this jungle you can’t run”.

## **2. Discussion**

In this chapter, the researcher is going to take meaning of words which used element of nature. The researcher is going to analyses elements of nature based on the topic” An Analysis of Elements of Nature Used in Bruno Mars Songs”.

### **a. The Elements of Nature and Their Means**

In this section the researcher elaborate the meaning of nature elements which are found. The researcher elaborates nature elements meaning in each song.

In Bruno Mars songs, the first song is gold, the researcher found 2 element of natures. The first one is gold, what it means rare metal and expensive. But in literature gold is beauty of something. Like in Bruno Mars song said “you shine like gold” mean of girl in this song is beautiful girl and make all peoples looking for this girl. All of peoples focus on that girl. So gold in here is beauty of girl. The second one is star that means human navigation and choosing good day for planting. In this lyric said “baby girl you’re shining like a star” mean of star here is beauty and love. Although star far

from the sun but it can shine like a sun. So in this lyric meaning of star is beauty and love of that girl can be seen from far way with him.

Second song is "Talking to The Moon", the researcher found one element of nature that is moon, In traditional perception, moon used for determining times. Moon also faithful with the Earth, so moon use as someone loyal with their relationship. Not only for loyal and determine the times, but also moon use as a place for someone felt lonely with their life and they don't have friends for sharing their problems. In here the writer use moon as place for sharing his problems when he felt lonely.

In the third song, "Moonshine", are found two element of nature. The first one is moonshine, moonshine as the way into good life, the writer of this song said moonshine as wish of good life. It's also as spirit when the world becomes dark. In here Bruno mars take moonshine as a way for getting what they want, like better life, beautiful place, and freedom. The second one is sky; In Bruno mars lyric, he take "sky" on the lyric. We know that sky cannot be measure. Because, all of planets, stars and also moon are take in the sky. So here sky as place for getting freedom and the place for looking the world. Sky is high place of our live no one can reach the sky. In here Bruno mars said "sky" as beautiful place and no one can reach it.

Next song is "Count on me", the researcher found sea as element of nature in this song, it means part of earth, we know sea is deep and nobody know what happen in the sea, sea also contain of many secrets and sea is something unpredictable in the world. In Bruno Mars lyric, he used sea as representative of mysterious thing. Count on me song show the sea as difficult life of peoples.

And the last song is "Gorillas", which has two elements of nature, they are jungle and gorilla. Jungle is wild life, in jungle no one become king without of strength and wins in every fight. The positions of someone like leader, captain and president are not used in jungle. Because there is no law in jungle, It is wild life no one cannot help us. So someone cannot live without fight and wins. Here Bruno Mars take jungle for something wild. Next element of nature is gorilla, it is wild animals, and this animal is smart and crazy. In this lyric the writer used gorilla as representative of the true meaning. He takes the characteristic of gorilla to changes word of crazy. In this song Bruno Mars said making love

like gorillas, he want making crazy love. so gorillas here is something wild and crazy.

## **E. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION**

### **1. Conclusion**

The researcher found in five songs of Bruno Mars there are many nature elements that he used, such as ; gold and star in Gold song, moon in Talking to The Moon song, Moonshine and sky in Moonshine song, sea in Count On Me song, and in Gorilla song are found jungle and gorilla. Those nature elements have deep meaning to make his songs more interesting.

Bruno Mar's used elements of nature to make his song more interesting, make the reader be anxious to obtain meaning of the song. Those elements have meaning in which, this related to the real and metaphor means. In literary work this metaphorical meaning are very important to soften the meaning of word. Gold is valuable, but in literary work often used to reveal the characteristic of someone who is very smart because the gold is shining. Stars are planet, however stars has literary meaning to represent the beauty of girl, because stars are shining like sun although stars are far from the sun. Moon is pure satellite of earth, in literary meaning moon as partner to share problem, when someone felt lonely they can amuse by looking at the moon. Moonshine is light of the moon, it also has literary meaning as hero when human trapped with darkness because moon gives light to show the right way. Sky is empty space, in other meaning sky is better place of life, it is distant place and someone can not to achieve, sky as special place. Sea is the ocean, but literary work used sea as something that could not be imaginative by human. Jungle as heart of human, animal and tree to get the oxygen, literary use jungle as refers to wild of live place, it also show by the occurring jungle rules , no one can live without fight. In the last element is gorilla, gorilla is biggest animal. But gorilla in literary work is used to say crazy characteristic or habit, because gorilla is crazy characteristic.

### **2. Suggestion**

The writer has suggestion for next generation who want to analyze elements of nature in song lyric; they must gain more reference and read many related study of literature, especially related to element of nature and characteristic of poem. They need comprehend part of literature like theory, example of literature they want used to before analyzing elements of nature, and they can use my undergraduate as references.

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