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ABSTRACT

This thesis entitled “Moral Values And Figurative Languages in Coldplay’s Band Songs. Formalis theory and Affective theory are used in analyzing the moral values and figurative languages. Theory that used to image moral values is Formalist theory and theory that used to analysis figurative is Affective thoery. Then, data analyzed by using descriptive analysis method. The result of this study is there are several moral values that found in coldplays song such as regiousity, love, humbleness, peace loving. Figurative languages found are methapor, similie, personification, irony, and symbol in lyrics.

Key words: Moral Value, Figurative language, Formalist theory, Affective theory, Descriptive Analysis Method.

Introduction

Globalization era give both positive and negative effects to many aspect of human life. It make such great development in techonology, science, medical and arts. The development in arts musician can easily spread and sell their album or songs through internet in digital form. Music is one of the entertainment which people love beacuse everybody have heard music and they may like music and even have musician idol. Music also tell about story which can be influence the listener’s mood and feeling. Many people may not run their day without music beacuse music can be ways to accompany while they work, study, exercise which make more relaxed.

Music can represent the feeling of the singer which can be bad feeling and good feeling. It all will be represent through the lyrics. For example, balad or sad music like “Someone like you” from Adele potrait how a girl who love someone but she left because the boy marry with someone else. This song can influence emotion of the listener even make the listener cry.

Moreover, music is one of literary works in written form. It commonly divided into big major which are fiction and nonfiction. The example of literary works are movie scenario, poem, short story, prose, song lyrics and etc. Literarly works is useful for human life because it often give moral messages and value which direct or influence the audiences.

Song contains words which called lyrics. Song lyrics expressed the author feeling about something and support by the video clip to enhance the meaning or message for the listener and make it easier to understand.

Because song lyrics can influence someone cause of the meaning and moral value in, the writer curious about it and would like to conduct a research which titled Moral Values And Figurative Languages in Coldplay's Band Songs.

Figurative Languages

Figurative of language

There are many kind of figurative language in literally works. It form of ordinary word which has other meaning that create extraordinary effect as the flower of the word (Siswanto, 2002). Then, according to limitation of the study in the chapter 1 I would like to explain figurative language such as methaphor, similie, personification, irony, symbol.

a. Methaphor

Metaphor is comparison between two things where the no relation on it. Methaphor can be direct methaphor, for example, my love is a rose. Methaphor also can be indirect, for example, my love has a rose blossom. (Mezo, 1999, hal. 3)

b. Similie

Simile is comparison between two different things and usually used a word like, as, or so. For example, life is like a box of chocolates (Mezo, 1999, hal. 3)

c. Personification

Figurative language which give human abilities to inanimate object. In otherword the object can do everthing as human did. For example, that flower is dancing when wind blow. (Mezo, 1999, hal. 3)

d. Irony

Figurative language which mean opposite to real condition. Then, language that use to conveying meanings different from, and usually opposite to, the professed or ostensible ones. (fowler, 2006, hal. 123)

For example, your room is nice like a car after craching in the road.

e. Symbol

A word or object which has its own meaning and represents other objects, ideas, and meanings. In terms of the 'attributes' of an object 'which serve the rational idea as a substitute for logical presentation, but with the proper function of animating the mind by opening out for it a prospect into a field of kindred representations stretching beyond its. (Fowler, 2006, hal. 232) For example, red means brave.

Figurative languages

There are many types of theories in literature that are used to examine literary works. One of them is Formalism Theory. Formalism Theory comes from the Greek language "Forma" that means form. So that Formalist theory in literature is a theory that is used to analyze literary works that focus on the form of literary works, not external sources such as biography, culture, or the context of the author. So that it is autonomous or stands alone (Saleh, 2014).

Moreover, based on the theory of Russian Formalism, literary work is work that is autonomous that should be researched based on that work (intrinsic) not the outside of the work (extrinsic). Literary work has a strange characteristic because it is produced by the author that contains imagination, feeling, exploitation, logic, and aesthetic meaning in it (Saleh, 2014).

Looking from the Formalism theory point of view, it is hard for the reader and researcher to understand directly what literary means. They are permitted to make their interpretation by analyzing the idea. So that in order to make the researcher easier to analyze the figurative language that contains in literary works, in this case, Coldplay's songs, Formalism theory is the appropriate theory that can be used.

Moral Values

Moral values are related to attitude and belief in something, whether it is good or bad. Moral values can be found also in the song where they are carried in the song lyrics. It also influences listener emotion. In order to make it easier for the researcher whether there are moral values or not in songs, in this case, Coldplay's songs, the researcher uses the Affective theory to analyze it.

Affective theory is a recent interdisciplinary field devoted to the study of the role of affect and emotion and their various manifestations in human behavior, culture, and society (Coudon, 2013). Affective theory can be used to analyze the song lyrics to find moral

values easier because it deal with the emotion that come from the song lyric based on the context what is theme of the song.

Research Methods

In this research use descriptive research method. The writer will describe and explain moral values and figurative languages that found in lyrics Coldplay's band song.

Source of Data

The data will be take from Coldplay's band lyrics song. Those sond are *Adventure of A Lifetime*, *Hymn for The Weekend*, *Everglow* and *Up & Up*. It all from 7th Coldplay's album *A Head Full of Dreams*. This album is released in 2016 where are

Method of Collecting Data

The method of colleting data used in this research is documenting menhod, where the data will be taked as documents. According to (Arikunto, 2005) documenting method is study document is acquiring a data about case, book, transcript film, magazine, or newspaper. The data will be taken from Coldplay' band lyric songs website Then there are steps to collect that data.

1. Seaching the lyrics to coldplay website
2. Comprehend the lyrics by reading and understanding it.
3. Analyzing the lyrics according to the objective that will be answered.

Method of Analyzing Data

Data analysis is process to search wheter the objective of the reaseach found or not in data. Method of analyzing data uses Descriptive analytic Methods, it is a fundamental component of this process because of the role it plays in helping us to observe the world or a phenomenon and, subsequently, in identify- ing research questions and generating hypotheses based on what has been observed where data will be. (Loeb, Mcfarland, Morris, Reandon, & Reber, 2017). There are some steps in data analysis:

- a. Understanding or comprhending the data

Coldplay's band lyric song should be read carefully to gain deep and uderstanding and comprehsion abou it

b. Identifying

The writer should identify what is figurative and moral values used in Coldplay's band lyric songs.

c. Categorizing or classifying

In this phase the writer should categorize figurative language found to their category and try to determine what is moral values in that lyrics.

d. Describing

After the data have been found I would like to explain and to describe them based on their category.

Discussion

Figurative Language

There are some figurative language that will be analyzed based on the finding from the data. Those are Metaphor, Simile, Personification, Irony, and Symbol.

Metaphor

Metaphor is one of the figurative language. It often used in literary work such as poem, song lyric and etc. Based on data analysis there are two Metaphors. one found in song *Everglow* and one found in song *Hym For The Weekends*. Those are:

1) *"there's a feeling you give me, an everglow"*

In this lyric which also can be seen in the data (23), figurative language Metaphor is used to make image of his love to the girl is eternal until he die. It shown by the words the light and it everglow.

2) *"life is a drink and love's a drug"*

In this lyric which also can be seen in the data (14) Metaphor is used to image that life is important as drink and love because we can not live without drink and love. in other word drink and love are essential things that should be fulfill in order to make your life good.

Simile

Simile is often used by the writers in writing their work. Simile is used to compare two things which is unlike with “like” and “as” as connector. Based on the data, there are three simile that found from the data. It is found in song *Everglow*. Moreover, it will be shown in the table below:

3) *“like a lion you ran, a goddess you rolled”*

In this lyric, which can be seen in the data (21), figurative language simile is used to portray the gentle by using word lion and the softness by using word goddess. It image that someone has gentle and softness side that used in particular activities or situation, and condition.

4) *“like an eagle you circled, in perfect purple”*

In this lyric which also can be seen in the data (21) the figurative language simile is used to give image the way people should behave and role their role in the world.

5) *“like brothers in blood, sisters who ride”*

In this lyric which also can be seen in the data (24) the figurative language simile is used to portray someone who are special can be both brother and sister in any situation even they are not our family. In otherhand, it can be called friendship or true friends.

Personification

Based on the data there is one figurative language personification that found in *Up & up* song. moreover it will be shown in the table below:

6) *“underneath the storm an umbrella is saying”*

in this lyric which can be seen in the data (4) the writer wants to say that when we face the problem sometimes our heart seems can talk and lead us to the right decision that should be taken.

Irony

This figurative language is used to say the word which has contrast or opposite meaning from the real condition. Based on the data it found one in song *Up & up*. it will be shown in the table below:

7) *“sitting with the poison takes away the pain”*

Based on the lyric above which also can be seen in the data (4) the figurative language can be identified is irony “sitting with the poison takes away the pain” when somebody got the problem but the problem is face like nothing problem happen.

Symbol

Symbol is often used to symbolize objects and words to other meaning. Based on the data there 17 symbols is found. Five in song *Adventure Of Lifetimes*, three in *Everglow*, five in *Up & up*, and four in *Hymn For The Weekends*. Moreover, it will be shown in the table below:

8) “*and we are legends every day*”

In this lyric the singer wants to tell the hearer that we are the legend who rule our lives. We can be ever that we want and we should hard work to achieve it.

9) “*under this pressure under this weight*”

“*we are diamonds*”

In this lyric which also can be seen in the data (28) the singer wants to tell the hearer that no matter situation and condition we can show our potential and ability to pass it.

10) “*I feel my heart underneath my skin*”

“*and I feel my heart beating*”

In this lyric the singer which also can be seen in the data (29) wants to tell to the hearer that he could feel the beat of his heart so that he can try everything and do the best for his life.

11) *oh you make me feel*

like I'm alive again

In this lyric which also can be seen in the data (29) and (31) the singer wants to tell to the hearer that there is always energy which can push you or encourage you so that you will feel as you starting the life again.

12) *"I'm a dream that died by light of day"*

"gonna hold up half the sky"

In this lyric which also can be seen in the data (30) the singer wants to tell the hearer that we can dream as high as possible and try hard to achieve it even it is impossible.

13) *"this particular diamond was extra special"*

In this lyric which also can be seen in the data (20) the singer wants to tell the hearer about something which is so extraordinary special and worth. It should be protect as hard as you can.

14) *"there's a light that you give me when I'm in shadow"*

In this lyric which can be seen in the data (23) the singer wants to tell the hearer about some feeling such as love and care can be so meaningful to somebody else. Moreover, when somebody sad and demotivation.

15) *"but the changing of winds, and the way waters flow"*

"life as short as the falling of snow"

In this lyric can be seen in the data (24) the singer wants to tell the hearer that in relationship or friendship sometimes got diferent in many things so that it make a little fight but it should be seen as cycle who can make relationship more close.

16) *"fixing up a car to drive in it again"*

In this lyric which also can be seen in the data (1) the singer wants to tell about whatever condotion and situation that you face if you try to pass it you can pass it, eventough it will take long time. So that you need to be optimism.

17) *"down upon the canvas, working meal to meal"*

"waiting for a chance to pick your orange field"

In this lyric which also can be seen in the data (2) the writer want to tell the hearer that condition that similar to condotion in previous lyric where whatever to do in your life as long as you still try you will get the result in the future.

18) *“we’re going to get it get it together right now”*

“going to get it get it together somehow”

“Going to get it get it together and flower”

In this lyric which also can be seen in the data (5) and (9) the singer wants to tell the hearer that dream or aim that want to be achieved should be prepare and run together, if you have same aim should try to get it together with hardwork.

19) *“we’re going to get it get it together I know”*

“going to get it get it together and flow”

“going to get it get it together and go”

In this lyric which also can be seen in the data (5) and (9) the singer wants to tell the hearer that dream or aim that want to be achieved should be prepare and run together, know what should be done and they way to be done so that it can be achieved easily .

20) *“lying in the gutter, aiming for the moon”*

“Trying to empty out the ocean with a spoon”

In this lyric which also can be seen in the data (6) the singer wants to tell that there are no activites or things that done in your life which has no meaning because what ever you can do you will get the result even the activit y that you done was seems impossible to be done.

21) *“oh angel sent from up above”*

“you know you make my world light up”

In this lyric which can be seen in the data (13) the singer wants to tell that there are so many enery in form of friendship, family, or someone speacial who make the world feel so happy to be run.

22) *“you said ‘drink from me, drink from me’”*

“when I was so thirsty”

In this lyric which can be seen in the data (15) the singer wants to tell the hearer that when you feel so sad and even frustrated you should believe that there are many people who loves you and ready to help you anytime. It all make you feel the world so colorful.

23) *“put your wings on me, on me”*

“when I was so heavy”

In this lyric which can be seen in the data (16) the singer wants to tell the hearer that when you feel alone and got big problem in your life, you believe that there always got who will lift you up from ur problem that you faced.

24) *“you got me feeling drunk and high”*

“so high so high”

In this lyric which can be seen in the data (17) and (19) the singer wants to tell the hearer that when your run life so happy it will impact to everting that you do and give good result. So that if you happy in living you will feel so free like you flight so high on the sky

Moral Values

As what I said in the chapter 1 moral values is set of how people behaved to other poeple and living thing which represent good or bad they are. Based on the song which be subject of the research, those are *Hymn For The Weekends, Adventure of Lifetimes, Everglow and Up & up*, from Album: *A Head Full of Dreams*, there are several moral values which found.

Regiusity

The first moral values which be analyzed is regiusity. There are two lyrics which catagorized as moral values regiusity. It will be shown in the tabel below:

25) *“turn your magic on”*

“Umi she’d say”

“everything you want’s a dream away”

“and we are legends every day”

“that’s what she told me”

In this lyric the singer tells the hearer about you should use your potential or power in order to get or achieve your dream. The more you try the more chance you will get your dream because we are will be legend for our each life and it all is asked by the God.

26) *“turn your magic on,”*

“to me she’d say”

“everything you want’s a dream away”

“under this pressure under this weight”

“we are diamonds”

In this lyric the singer also tells the hearer about the usage of the potential or the power no matter the condition and situation will results based on the hard you used. The harder you use the better result you get.

Love

The second analysis is Love. There are eighth lyrics which categorized as moral values of love. It all will be shown in the tabel below:

The data is found from two songs there are five in *Everglow* and three in *Hymn For The Weekends*.

27) *“this particular diamond was extra special”*

“and though you might be gone, and the world may not know”

still I see you,“

In this lyrics the singer tells the hearer about how something which is so extraordinary speacial for him which not stay longer or no longer in relation which not many people know about it but if it still speacial for him.

28) *“so how come things move on, how come cars don’t slow”*

“when it feels like the end of my world”

“when I should but I can't let you go?”

In this lyrics the singer tells the hearer about his feeling to somebody that he love so much but he should let her go because of situation and condition which potrait by the how come things move on, how come cars don't slow.

29) *“but when I'm cold, cold”*

“oh when I'm cold, cold”

“there's a light that you give me when I'm in shadow”

there's a feeling you give me, an everglow

In this lyric the singer to the hearer about the careness and love that given after she left can help him when he feel so alone and the feeling is everlast in his heart.

30) *“what I wouldn't give for just a moment to hold”*

“yeah I live for this feeling this everglow”

In this lyric the singer wants to tell the hearer about he wont have the feeling to the girls for short period but he want to have the feeling until he die, although he is seperated with her.

31) *“so if you love someone, you should let them know”*

“oh the light that you left me will everglow”

In this lyrics the singer wants to tell the hearer about feeling such as Love to somebody should be confes because you will never know what his or her feeling to you. If he or she accept or give positive feedback about your feeling it will make you feel so energic in running your life.

32) *“when I was down, when I was hurt”*

“you came to lift me up”

In this quotation of lyric the singer wants to tell the hearer about there is somebody who help him out from the sorrow and make him feel okay.

33) *“when I was a river dried up”*

“you came to rain a flood”

In this quotation of lyric the singer wants to tell the hearer about the feeling that make he so happy because she can give what he really need in time that it needed.

34) *“you said ‘drink from me, drink from me’when I was so thirsty”*

In this lyric the singer wants to tell the hearer about the careness of the girl which always help him when he need help.

Humbleness

The third analysis is moral values humbleness. This moral values represent the way someone behave to other such as the way speaking politely. it found one in the song *Adventure Of Lifetimes*

35) *“said I can’t go on, not in this way”*

“I’m a dream that died by light of day”

In this lyric the singer wants to tell the hearer about how somebody who tried to warn him to not take something wrong so politely and humble.

Peace Living

There are three data found in the lyrics songs which catagorized as moral values peace living. Those are found in song *Hymn For The Weekends*, *Everglow* and *Up & up* one each. Moreover it will be shown in the table below:

36) *“see the forest there in every seed”*

“angels in the marble waiting to be freed”

“just need love just need love”

In this lyric the singer wants to tell the hearer about there are many generation who need to teach about good things such as love in order to make a peacefullness in the world

37) *“and we swore on that night we’d be friends til we die”*

In this lyric the singer wants to tell to the hearer about friendship which made with someone else will create the peace because they will love each others.

38) *“put your wings on me, on me”*

“when I was so heavy”

“poured on a symphony”

“when I’m low low low low”

In this lyric the singer wants to tell the hearer about careness to sombody else is one of the feature of the peace loving because will help somebody else when they are need help without triggered or in other word is automatically.

Optimism

The last analysis is moral values optimism. This moral values related to positive thinking about something but not only thinking it will be followed by the work to achieve that good things. This moral values also found two in song *Adventure of Lifetimes*, three in *Up & up*, and one in *Hymn For The Weekends*. It all will be shown in the table below:

39) *“oh you make me feel”*

“like I’m alive again”

“alive again”

In this lyric the singer want to tell the hearer about something which good things and become energy for him to run the life again. He might be have troublr or problem before but it disappeared by that enegy.

40) *“everything you want’s a dream away”*

“under this pressure under this weight”

“we are diamonds taking shape”

“we are diamonds taking shape”

In this lyric the singer wants to tell the hearer about something which dreamed will be get by passing many process, situation and condition that make him able to pass it because of he often face it.

41) *“fixing up a car to drive in it again”*

“searching for the water hoping for the rain”

“up and up, up and up”

In this the lyric the singer wants to tell the hearer about the feeling never give up about things even it was broke because it can be fixed up, find something not only tiny thing but something big also can be found if you do it and never give up.

42) *“down upon the canvas, working meal to meal”*

“waiting for a chance to pick your orange field”

“up and up, up and up”

In this lyric the singer wants to tell to the hearer about the condition which not good for him to run his life because it was not match with his ability, but if you always try to enhance the ability so you can change the condition of your life by using it.

43) *“lying in the gutter, aiming for the moon”*

“trying to empty out the ocean with a spoon”

“up and up, up and up”

In this lyric the singer wants to tell the hearer about there is nothing work that imposible to do even it seems imposible because whatever you do, little or big effort that you done, it will result as same as your effort that you done.

44) "oh angel sent from up above"

"I feel you coursing through my blood"

"life is a drink and your love's about"

"to make the stars come out"

In this lyric the singer wants to tell the hearer about in this life the blessing will be given by the God to all creatures in this world. Good and bad it depends on how the people behave to it. if we used it properly it will give good impact to our life, and in other way if we used it not properly it will give bad impact to our life.

Based on what I explained above, there are two things that classified as findings there are:

Figurative Language

This is data of figurative language that found in four song: , *Adventure of Lifetimes*, *Everglow*, *Up & up* and *Hymn For The Weekends* in *Ablum: A Head Full Of Dreams* will be shown in the table below:

Table Data Figurative Language

No.	Types of Figurative language	Frequency
1.	Methapor	2
2.	Similie	3
3.	Personification	1
4.	Irony	1
5.	Syombol	17

Moral values

The data moral values that found based on the lyric song will be shown in the table below:

Data Moral Values

No.	Kind of Moral Values	Frequency
1.	Regiousity	2
2.	Love	8
3.	Humbleness	1
4.	Peace Loving	3
5.	Optimism	6

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