

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Research

A song generally conveys message and meaning. The composer needs time to think, to choose the words, to read, what to be written, to rethink, to revise and to arrange it. Then he or she considers its effect to listeners. Each lyric is created to have nuance. Besides, some song writers create their songs to express the experience of his or her life. The experience is an expression of how they think, feel and act both individually and as a part of a social group. In other words, experience is written in the lyrics is a reflection of a person's psychology. Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour and mental process. Scientific study implies using such as tools as observation, description to gather information and then organizing this information (Diane E.Papalia, and Sally W. Olds, 1985:4).

In this research, I choose psychological aspect of sadness as an object of the research, especially in an author's psychology. The author is John Vesely. John Vesely is a vocalist and a songwriter in his own band. He was born in Menlo Park, California, USA, February 5th, 1982. He formed *Secondhand Serenade*. The band knew as melancholy band because a lot of the songs contain distressing emotions. He is the only personnel in the band, but there are some songs that add additional personnel for the position of drummer, guitarist, and bassist. He has a background in a family of musicians. His father is Czech immigrant. His father works as a professional jazz musician for 20 years. Not just his father also his ex-wife, named Candice, she has a big role in his success. The name of *Secondhand Serenade* is the inspiration of the song who often they sing 'Serenades.' Additionally his wife is also an inspiration in creation of song lyrics. Vesely has been writing songs when he met his wife. He expresses his feeling of love as well as his heart broken towards his wife through a series of his song lyrics.

This research design entitled "*The sadness expressed in John Vesely's song lyrics in the album A Twist in My Story*" is attempt to describe the sadness in John Vesely song lyrics. *A Twist in My Story* is an album released in 2008. He released the album *A Twist in My Story* to express heart broken when he got a divorce. In this album, he gets his first platinum selling of one million copy of *Glassnote Records*. In this case, the songs that will be analyzed are *Like a Knife*, *Stranger*, and *Your Call*. Vesely expresses his sadness when he lost his loved one.

Psychoanalyst and social philosopher, Fromm (1956) in *The Art of Loving* book says that love is a feeling of a strong emotion towards someone which is positive. It has positive influence when implemented as the true meaning. When a person falls in love, then he or she would wish to be with a loved one. The feeling of a strong love will depend on the loved one. When his or her love is requited, he or she will be happy, but when his or her love is unrequited, he or she will feel deep sorrow. Parkes (1965) says that sadness or grief associated with losing something important or valuable. Sadness intensity depends on the value, usually very deep sadness when losing a loved one. Deep sadness can also be due to loss of property, so valuable that it leads to disappointment or regret (Minderop, 2010:43). In this case, Vesely feels deep sorrow because he lost his loved one. He also lost his relationship with his wife.

B. Identification of the Problems

Based on the background of the research above, I identify that the problem in this research is that Vesely's sadness is expressed through *Like a Knife*, *Stranger*, and *Your Call* song lyrics. Vesely loves his wife very much and he becomes heart broken because he got a divorce from his wife. Heart broken led him to sadness. He feels deeply lost. The sadness resulted in a chronic grief and self-blame. In John Vesely's song lyrics in the album *A Twist in My Story*, he is trying to express his sadness. I assume that the theme of the three song lyrics is "The Sadness Expressed in John Vesely's Song Lyrics in the Album *A Twist in My Story*".

C. Limitation of the Problems

Based on identification of the problems above, I limit the problem in this research as follows: "How is sadness reflected in the lyrics of *Like a Knife*, *Stranger*, and *Your Call* in the album *A Twist in My Story*?"

D. Statement of the Problems

Based on limitations of the problems above, I state the problem: "How is sadness reflected in the lyrics of *Like a Knife*, *Stranger*, and *Your Call* in the album *A Twist in My Story*?" To answer this question, I formulate the steps as follows:

1. What are the intrinsic elements of *Like a Knife*, *Stranger*, and *Your Call* song lyrics?
2. What are the concepts of psychological sadness shown in *Like a Knife*, *Stranger*, and *Your Call* song lyrics can be analyzed through the concepts of psychological aspects of sadness?

3. How can the sadness expressed in John Vesely's song lyrics be built through the result of analysis of the intrinsic and extrinsic?

E. Objectives of the Research

Based on statement of the problems above, I aim to show that the theme of these three song lyrics is the sadness expressed in John Vesely's song lyrics in the album *A Twist in My Story*. To fulfill this purpose, I formulate the steps as follow:

1. To analyze intrinsic elements are used in *Like a Knife, Stranger, and Your Call* song lyrics.
2. To analyze the concepts of psychological approach of sadness in *Like a Knife, Stranger, and Your Call* song lyrics.
3. To analyze the way sadness is built through a result of the intrinsic and extrinsic approaches.

F. Methods of the Research

Based on the objectives of the theories, I use the qualitative method with the following steps:

1. Preparation

In this phase, I will read the data and read the song lyrics, also read some previous topics and books to conform to the title and content of some information about sadness from internet.

2. Data Collection

I Identify collection of data, articles, texts of song lyrics that have relation to some categories of sadness of the research problem.

3. Data Analysis

In analyzing the data, I use some theories or concepts to support the data. I use the intrinsic approach: general meaning, particular meaning, imagery, and figurative language to explains the meaning of the three song lyrics. After that, to built the theme of the three song lyrics, I use extrinsic approach of the psychological aspect of sadness to explain the sadness of the song lyrics and also elaborate between the explanation of the result of intrinsic and extrinsic approaches.

G. Benefits of the Research

Based on the methods of the research, the benefit of this research are firstly, it could be beneficial for students or general readers who want study more deeply about John Vesely's song lyrics. Secondly, this research may be beneficial for those who intend to deepen the knowledge about the analysis of poetry and know more about deeply sadness of an author in the three song lyrics in the album *A Twist in My Story*.

H. Systematic Organization of the Research

The systematic of this reseach contains five chapters.

CHAPTER I : INTRODUCTION

It consists of background of the research, identification of the problem, limitation of the problem, statement of the problem, objectives of the research, methods of the research, benefits of the research, systematic organization of the research.

CHAPTER II : FRAMEWORK OF THEORIES

It consists of explanation of intrinsic and extrinsic approaches. Intrinsic approach is poetry theory: general meaning, particular meaning, imagery, and figurative language. Extrinsic approach is psychological aspect of sadness.

CHAPTER III : JOHN VESELY'S SONG LYRICS THROUGH INTRINSIC APPROACH

It consists of analysis by using intrinsic approach. They are general meaning, particular meaning, imagery, and figurative language.

CHAPTER IV : THE SADNESS EXPRESSED IN JOHN VESELY'S SONG LYRICS IN THE ALBUM *A TWIST IN MY STORY*.

It consists of analysis of the song lyrics which reflects sadness. The analysis above is shown in some song lyrics.

CHAPTER V : CONCLUSION

It consists of the conclusion that prove that the theme of these three song lyrics is "The Sadness Expressed in John Vesely's Song Lyrics in the Album *A Twist In My Story*."