

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION

In this album, Ed Sheeran mostly talks about his life. From his love for his wife, Cheery Seaborn, his tiredness and depression on his music career, his personal life about his grandmother, and his sadness about people around him that always takes advantage of his kindness and popularity just for their benefit. This album is very touching when we know the meaning behind every song lyric.

There are 7 different figurative languages that I have analyzed, they are simile, metaphor, personification, synecdoche, metonymy, hyperbole, and litotes. On chapter 4, I research 16 songs from the album and found the research data, which I can elaborate that, on Eraser I found 2 simile, 1 metaphor, 1 metonymy, and 1 synecdoche. Ed Sheeran used this figurative language on this song to make it more rhythmic without changing the message that he wants to tell the listener of this song.

On “Eraser”, I found 2 simile, 1 metaphor, 1 metonymy, and 2 synecdoche. Ed uses figurative language on this song to tell strongly tell the message without reducing the fun and rhythm. On “Castle on the hill”, I found 1 metaphor, 1 personification, 1 metonymy, and 1 synecdoche. He used figurative language, especially metaphor in this song to give a picture of what his hometown looks like in his childhood memories. On “Dive” I found 2 metaphors, 1 synecdoche, and 1 hyperbole. Ed Sheeran used figurative language in this song to simplify the lyrics and romanticize the lyrics.

On “Shape of you” I found 3 simile, 1 metonymy, and 1 hyperbole. Ed Sheeran used figurative language in this song to make it more rhythmic and easier to listen to. On “Perfect” I found 1 simile, 1 metaphor, 1 personification, 1 metonymy, and 1 hyperbole. Ed Sheeran used many figurative languages in this song to romanticize the lyrics of this song because this song tells a story about his girlfriend, now wife.

On “Galway Girl” I found 1 simile, 1 metaphor, 1 personification, 1 synecdoche, and 1 hyperbole. In this song, Ed used figurative language to make the lyrics more melody and happy, because this song is mainly talks about a band, a girl, and a drink. On “Happier” I found 2 similes, 1 metaphor, 1 personification, and 1 metonymy. Ed Sheeran used figurative language in this song to romanticize his heartbreak that he pictures in this song.

On “Newman” I found 2 metaphors, 1 metonymy, and 1 hyperbole. The use of figurative language in this song is to make it more understandable by the listener. On “Heart don’t break around here” I found 1 simile, and 3 metaphors. The use of figurative language in this song is to romanticize the lyrics. On “What do I know” I found 1 metaphor, 1 personification, and 1 metonymy. The use of figurative language in this song is to simplify the message Ed wants to share with the listener of this song. On “How would you feel?” I found 1 metaphor, 1 metonymy, and 1 hyperbole. He use figurative language to romanticize the lyric of this song.

On “Supermarket Flowers” I found 1 metaphor, 1 personification, and 1 metonymy. This song used figurative language to make this song have a deeper meaning because this song tells us about his grandma, but from his mother’s perspective. On “Barcelona” I found 1 metaphor, 1 personification, and 1 hyperbole. The use of figurative language in this song is to make it more rhythmic and happier because this song is about love and happiness.

On “Bibiya Be Yeye” I found 1 metonymy and 1 hyperbole. The use of figurative language in this song is to simplify the message about the song to the listener. On “Nancy Mulligan” I found 2 metaphor, 1 personification, 1 metonymy, and 2 hyperbole. The use of figurative language in this song is to romanticize the lyrics because this song is about a love of the life of his grandparents. And lastly, On “Save Myself” I found 2 metaphors and 1 personification. The use of figurative language in this song is to simplify the message that Ed tries to deliver to the listener.

The grand total of the research data I found after I analyzed all 16 songs in the “Divide” album is 10 simile, 20 metaphor, 8 personification, 11 metonymy, 5 synecdoche, 10 hyperboles, and no litotes. The used of simile is mainly for romanticizing the lyrics of the song. The metaphor is also for romanticizing the lyrics. Meanwhile, the use of personification and hyperbole is to make the lyrics more rhythmic. And then metonymy and synecdoche is mainly use by Ed Sheeran to simplify the message of the song while also romanticize it.

My advices for the readers of my research paper are: a) This research paper hopefully can enrich your knowledge about how to use proper English and can categorize and specify the type of figurative language on the lyrics from the songs by the artist you choose to be studied, b) I hope that this research paper can help you to understand the true meaning of the lyrics written by the songwriter and perceive the message which songwriter tries to say.

My advice for the future researcher is that because of my research I only found several types of figurative language, and the majority of figurative language that used in this album are metaphor and metonymy, and the rest is only a few. So, I advise future researchers to use another theory to find other types of figurative language, such as imaginary, allusion, repetition, etc. That is not included in my current research.

In addition, future researchers may use this research object with other theories to find out the varieties of figurative language role in literary works and movies. With that being said, readers of the research can find out more about the true meaning and the application of figurative language.

