

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. The Background of the Study

Metaphor is concerned with using words, phrases or sentences in abstract rather literal ways. Chatman (1968) states Metaphor is an expression in which a word or phrase and the concept represented stands figuratively for another word or phrase and its concept. Metaphor is a way of expressing idea, feeling, emotional, even influence someone's mind by comparing it with something else that has similar characteristic. Every day, just a few people are aware of the fact that they actually use metaphorical expressions.

Metaphor is a specific abstraction to discuss something, give understanding to the world. Grammatical metaphor is one of the most significant components of systematic functional grammar, which plays a central role in transiting clauses to discourses.

Davis (1998) states metaphor is an implied analogy in which one thing is compared or identified with another dissimilar thing. It compares two things through similarity, likeness of characteristics, or qualities between two ideas. In other words, metaphor expresses people's idea or feeling by using different form in language.

Song is a musical composition intended to be performed by the human voice with distinct and fixed pitches and patterns using sound and silence and a variety of forms that often include the repetition of sections. The word "song" is widely used by people in popular music industry to describe any musical composition, whether sung or played with musical composition, or only by instruments. Written words created

specifically for music, is called lyrics and if a pre-existing poem is set to composed music in classical music it is an art song.

The expressive function can be found, for instance, in song lyrics. In the song lyrics, the composers can freely express their feelings with their hearers. It is reflected from the use of metaphorical language (Macmillan, 1995). Metaphor also a characteristic of language just more literature. That language using in daily life (Susilowati, 2000). Metaphor is characteristic of language. It relates to one example of using metaphor in the guro – guro aron songs. It displays in the example of using metaphor below :



#LaguKaroJamanDulu #LirikLaguKaro

Lagu Karo Lirik - Simulih Karaben | Ulina  
br Ginting

**Picture 1.1** Screenshot Youtube Simulih Karaben Lyrics

Langit pe tempa erkire – kire

“the sky is like a curtain is attached”

- 1) Langit pe tempa erkire-kire: is including the ontological metaphor type, because the metaphorical meaning of this utterances has a deep meaning of life. Such as journey of life.
- 2) The purpose of “langit pe tempa erkire-kire” is showing that, it’s time to go home.

The purpose of metaphor is to make the song beautiful, and good to be heard. Generally, metaphors are not literally easy to understand, because they have a special character that literal expression. Harford (2007) says that metaphor consists of three types. They are conceptual metaphor, orientational metaphor, and ontological metaphor.

The researcher decides to choose *GURO-GURO ARON SONGS* as the object of the research because the researcher realized that the lyrics of the songs are metaphorical and skewed describes the realities of life. for example: In addition, the lyrics of the songs are well known by many people, especially by karonese. The song's lyrics include: *Simulih Karaben, perbual, ranting bencah buruk, Kam, and Sayangkel Aku* . Song uses figurative language a lot because songs are not always explicit and implicit, song gives a lot of meaning and song can be used as a reference using a thesis and etc.

Regarding the revealed process of thoughts and feelings, guro-guro aron songs revealed thoughts, feelings and social conditions that happen in the song lyrics. The composer uses metaphor to make listeners easily to understand the song lyrics.

Guro-guro Aron is a karo cultural art performance performed by young people in the working group working on the fields, featuring curry drums and percolating groups (singers) accompanied by dances performed by young people. In Guro - guro Aron, the Lima Serangkai dance is a dance accompanied by five drums, namely the morah -morah drums, silver drums, patam-patam sereng drums, sipajok drums and kangkiung drums, which produce a composition of dance movement patterns; and the motion has aesthetic values in its presentation. The Five Serangkai Dance is a traditional dance that is usually performed in the Guro-guro Aron drum activity. The beauty in a dance is inseparable from the element of formation, so the elements of the

formation of the dance are endek motion (up and down motion) jole motion (body rocking) and attachment motion (finger flexion).

## **B. The Problems of the Study**

Based on the background above, the problems of the study are formulated as follows:

1. What types of methapor are used *in the guro – guro aron* songs?
2. How are the types of metaphor in lyrics of guro–guro aron songs meaning ?
3. why does the author convey metaphor through the lyrics of Guro-guro Aron album based on life and love ?

## **C. Objectives of the study**

Based on the research questions, writer concludes objectives of the research.

There are some objectives of the research as follow the research questions:

1. To find out the types of metaphor used in guro – guro aron songs.
2. To describe the meaning of metaphor in the guro – guro aron songs.
3. To explain the reasons of guro – guro aron songs represent the particular value.

## **D. The Scopes of the Study**

This research will focus on finding the types of metaphor based on theoretical framework of Hurford used in the lyric of *guro-guro aron* songs by 5 (five) songs choosen.

## **E. The Significances of the study**

### **1) Theoretically,**

This study will be expected to give a valuable contribution to the theoretical framework of metaphor, particularly on the analysing metaphor in songs lyrics (meaning, types, theory, etc).

### **2) Practically,**

The findings are expected to be useful references for the researchers, english teacher, and english students who are interested in getting further information and conducting a similar study.

