

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of the Study

Language is an inseparable part of human life to express thoughts, feeling, desires and intension both in spoken and written way. People use language to communicate between and among them. Spoken is the process of expressing ideas and feelings or giving information orally. Written is done in writing activity, available in short story, article, poem, song lyrics, and etc.

Language and culture are two major things that cannot be separated from human life. Indonesia is a big country. Indonesia has many tribes as well as their languages. One of the tribes in Indonesia is Bataknese. The Batak's society consists of a few sub tribes, such as Toba, Karo, Mandailing, Angkola and Pakpak. The Toba language is one of the regional languages in Indonesia. Batak Toba people are mostly live in North Tapanuli, Samosir, Humbang Hasundutan, and Toba Samosir and the other area in North Sumatra Province.

They use this language for their daily activity or other cultural ceremony. The cultural ceremony such as wedding ceremony and death ceremony. Batak people convey their ideas, feeling, and experience through song lyrics.

There are many ways for human to express the ideas or situations which are happening. Literature is the art of written works. There are three major forms of literature; prose, drama and poetry. Prose is the written expression of thought which conveys some of point of view, such as novel, short story, and etc. Drama is the specific mode of fiction. by

expression of imaginative thought and feeling. As the object analysis, lyrics means a short poem that expresses feelings in a form of song which could be accompanied by music.

Figures of speech important for listener to understanding the meaning of song and also very important for composer to make song because without using figures of speech the composer will difficult to express their feeling, thinking, emotion, and happiness. A figure of speech or (the latter word has a more specific use) is a non-ordinary use of language employed to create an emphasis, amplify a meaning, draw a comparison or contrast, or to make a rhetorical point. The figure may be achieved by employing repetition of words or sounds in a specific pattern, making an interjection, stating or implying a comparison, using synonyms, or using a specific pattern of argument.

Song is a short poem or number of verses set to music and intended to be sung (Hornby, 1974). Song is a tool or media for people to show their feeling, idea, opinion, and emotion. Song gives people happiness and enjoyment when they enjoy it. A song writer may use figure of speech in his/her song in order to beautify the language, a song writers intends to say something indirectly so that the lyrics of the song has aesthetic value and the listener interested to hear it. A song lyrics is a kind of a text.

Pop song is a modern popular music that has been popular since the 1950s, usually with a strong rhythm and simple tunes (Hornby 2005: 1170). Pop song has a focus commercial recording, often oriented towards a youth market, usually through the medium of relatively short and simple love song.

Batak songs are use to express feelings, thought and idea of everything, such as religion, belief or humanity, etc. Every song and also Toba Batak song has lyrics. They

contain some words, standard or non-standard. The song writer not only expresses the thoughts and feelings but also beautifies and raises the value of art works. The song writer feelings can be indicated in the song lyrics and has a function for the social control for the other people.

Figure of speech is a language that uses words or expression with a meaning that is different from the literal interpretation, when a writer uses literal language; he or she is simply stating the facts as they are. A figure of speech may be said to occur whenever a speaker or writer, for the sake of freshness or emphasis, departs from the usual denotations of words. Figure of speech is not devices to state what is demonstrably untrue. Indeed they often state truths that more literal language cannot communicate; they call attention to such truths; they lend them emphasis.

The writer interested to conduct this research because generally the readers including the writer herself sometimes found some difficulties in understanding the meaning from the song lyrics. The writer chooses songs by Rani Simbolon because Rani Simbolon's song are meaningful and enjoyable to be heard. The lyrics of songs are typically of a poetic, rhyming nature, although they may be religious verses or free prose. It is caused because the song writer merely use figure of speech in order to be more interesting, memorable, and aesthetic.

Based on explanation, the study will explore the figure of speech in the song lyrics of "Rani Simbolon" Toba Batak Pop Songs. Rani Simbolon's song lyrics use many figures of speech. It makes the writer takes Rani Simbolon's Toba Batak Pop Songs lyrics as her sample of the study.

B. The Problem of the Study

Based on the background of the study, this study will conduct to answer the following questions:

1. What figures of speech are used in the lyrics of Rani Simbolon's Toba Batak Pop Songs?
2. How is the figures of speech used in the lyrics of Rani Simbolon's Toba Batak Pop Songs?
3. In what context, the figure of speech used dominantly in the lyrics of Rani Simbolon's Toba Batak Pop Songs?

C. The Objective of the Study

Based on the problem of the study, the objectives of this study are:

1. To describe the figures of speech which are used in the lyrics of Rani Simbolon's Toba Batak Pop Songs.
2. To derive the figures of speech that used in the lyrics of Rani Simbolon's Toba Batak Pop Songs.
3. To reason the figures of speech as found in Rani Simbolon's Toba Batak Pop Songs.

D. The Scope of the Study

This research is limited to the figures of speech used and found in the lyrics of “Rani Simbolon” Toba Batak Pop songs. There are 10 songs that will be analyzed because there are using many figures of speech.

E. The Significance of the Study

The significance of this thesis study has theoretical and practical purposes :

1. Theoretically, this thesis study is add the vocabulary of literary study in terms of figure of speech. Then, this thesis maybe uses as a literary for further study of literature and can help to develop of the figure of speech theory.
2. Practically, this thesis study is directed to students of literature to find out the insight of literature which is different from kinds of figure of speech used in other songs and it can help the students of English and literatures department, who study figures of speech to help them understand and comprehend it moreover it will enrich their knowledge about figure of speech and they can use it correctly and beautifully.