

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of the Study

Language can be defined as System of conventional spoken or written symbols used by people in a shared culture to communicate with each other. People need language to communicate, to interact and to get information from other people. As human beings, we cannot separate ourselves from involvement of social communication and interaction, which certainly makes ourselves impossible to stay without language. Language is complex and subtle, capable of expressing whatever its speaker need to express and capable of changing to meet the changing needs of the speakers (CharlesW.Kreidler1998 :5) .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.

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. Poetry is written expression that designed to convey experiences, ideas, or emotions in a vivid and imaginative way, characterized by the use of language chosen for its sound and suggestive power. 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 is a departure from the ordinary form of expression or the ordinary course of ideas in order to produce a greater effect (Wren and Martin 1981: 488). 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. A figure of speech or (the letter 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.

Pop song is a modern popular music, usually with a strong rhythm and simple tunes. Pop song has a focus commercial recording, often oriented towards a youth market, usually through the medium of relatively short and simple love song.

Westlife is an Irishboy band, formed in July 1998 and disbanded in June 2012. Originally signed by Simon Cowell and managed by Louis Walsh, the group's final line-up consisted of Nicky Byrne, Kian Egan, Mark Feehily and Shane Filan. Brian McFadden was a member from 1998 until his departure in 2004. They have gone on to sell over 30 million records worldwide which includes their studio, single, video, and compilation album. And in their songs we can find so many figurative language : 'Coz in your eyes I see a love that burns eternally (Metaphor - Swear It Again Lyrics) , When the world seems like its full of strangers (Simile –the wings of love Lyrics) , I would die for you Lay down my life for you (Hyperbole – angel’s wings Lyrics) , Figure of speech make the 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. 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 Westlife because Westlife’s song are meaningful and enjoyable to be heard. The lyrics of songs are typically of a poetic, rhyming nature. 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 “Westlife”. Westlife’s song lyrics use many figures of speech. It makes the writer takes Westlife’s Songslyrics as her sample of the study.

B. The Problem of the Study

Related to the background of the study above, the problems of the study are formulated as follows :

1. What types of figures of speech are used in Westlife's selected Songs ?
2. What is the dominant type of figures of speech used in Westlife's selected Songs?
3. In what context, the figure of speech used dominantly in the lyrics of Westlife's selected Songs?

C. The Objective of The Study

The objectives of the study are :

1. To describe types of figures of speech which are used in Westlife's selected Songs.
2. To find out the dominant types of figures of speech used in Westlife's selected Songs
3. To find out in what context the dominant type occurs in the lyrics of Westlife's selected Songs.

D. The Scope of the study

This research is limited to the figures of speech used in Westlife's selected songs, There are the types of figures of speech that will be analyzed which are using many figures of speech.

E. The Significances of the Study

The significances of this study has theoretical and practical purposes :

1. Theoretically, this study adds the vocabulary of literary study in terms of figure of speech. Then, this study uses as a literary for further study of literature and can help to develop of the figure of speech theory.

Practically, this 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.