

## CHAPTER IV RESEARCH FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter presents the results and their discussion, which have been analyzed in ways justified by the methodology.

### A. The Types of Figurative Language in the Harris J Song Lyrics

Each of the many types of figures of speech has a specific code to make it easier for researcher to enter song lyrics into that type of figure of speech. Therefore, the researcher will write the code below:

**M** : Metaphor

**S** : Simile

**P** : Personification

**H** : Hyperbola

**I** : Irony

#### 1. Metaphor

Metaphors directly compare two subjects. Metaphor is a figure of speech that concisely compares two things by saying that one is like the other.<sup>1</sup> The writer found this type of figurative language metaphor in the Harris J song lyrics; for a more detailed explanation, see below:

#### Song 1: I Promise

- a. Every time that I need you by my side

Every time I lose my way in life

*You're my circle of life, compass and guide*

There behind me

In the lyrics above, the words in italics have the following meaning: The lyrics compare the word "you" for parents with "life, compass, and guide". The lyrics above describe that parents are mentors who always teach their children good things. When they are wrong, parents always reprimand them. Therefore, parents become the most important part of our lives.

- b. I just want to say it, and say it load

*You're my heat when I'm cold*

The place I call home, and always will be

Know that I'll be there for you, for you

In the lyrics above, the words in italics have the following meaning: The word "you" refers to parents, while "heat" is a protector. This means that parents are a sedative for

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<sup>1</sup> McArthur. T, "*The Oxford Companion to the English Language*", New York: Oxford University Press, 1996, p.653.

us when we are facing many problems in life. In other words, parents are a source of encouragement for us.

**Song 2: My Hero**

Oh *Muhammad!* You are my....  
 You are my hero, *you are my Hero*  
 You are my hero, always my Hero

You can see the italicized lyrics compare two things, namely "you" and "hero". The word "you" refers to someone who is greatly admired. Then the word "hero" refers to a man who has extraordinary features, he is *Muhammad SAW*.

**Song 3: The One**

*You're The One in my life*  
 Always right there beside me  
 I'm so blessed You're the One  
 In my life

We can see in the italicized lyrics that the word "you" refers to God and "the one." This means that there is no god besides Allah.

**Song 4: You Are My Life**

- a. Oh Allah  
*You're the light that shines above*  
 You're the reason I never give up  
 You're the one I try for live my live  
 For give up all I have

We can see in the italicized lyrics that it compares the word "You" with "the light" which has a similarity. In this lyric, the writer describes *Allah* as the guide of his life, who always gives love and affection through the angle.

- b. *ou're the melody*, you're the key  
 All the inspiration I need  
 And when times get tough  
 I know you'll stand by me

Words in italics Comparing two unrelated objects, namely "you" and "melody" which refers to the important thought needed. In this context, the singer says that *Allah* is the most necessary thing in his life.

- c. You're the melody, *you're the key*  
 All the inspiration I need  
 And when times get tough  
 I know you'll stand by me

Words in italics compare the object of “You” for Allah with “the key”. Here, it has the meaning that *Allah* SWT is the place to ask for all the answers to all problems.

- d. And You are the love I need  
 The One who is guiding me  
 And You know my destiny  
 For You are the light  
*And You are my life*

In the italicized lyric, it is indicated that the words “You” and “my life” can be used to make an explicit comparison. In this context, the singer says that *Allah* is everything for all of us. There is no need except for *Allah* SWT, and without Him, we are nothing because *Allah* is in power while humans are powerless against anything.

## 2. Simile

Similes are “like” or “as” comparisons between two subjects. Simile is a figure of speech in which a more or less fanciful or unrealistic comparison is made, using like or as.<sup>2</sup> The writer found this type of figurative language metaphor in the Harris J song lyrics; for a more detailed explanation, see below:

### Song 1: The One

For just how much You’d mean to me  
 But Allah, how I know now  
*That a life without you there is like a bird without its wings*  
 You are the one in my life

In the italicized lyric, it compares the word “a life” “without you” with “a bird without its wings” using the phrase **like**. The topic discussed is our dependence on *Allah*, for example: our current life can move and do all activities. Everything happens on the will of *Allah*.

### Song 2: Good Life

*Cause everyday is like a brand new story*  
 With unwritten lines  
 And no matter the weather  
 It’s going, going to be alright

In the italicized lyric, it compares the word “everyday” with “brand new story” using the phrase **like**. The topic of this sentence is talking about life. Thus, it tells us that in everyday

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<sup>2</sup> McArthur. T, “*The Oxford Companion to the English Language*”.....p.935.

life, we must start our lives with new stories even though all destiny has been set.

**Song 3: Worth It**

When I'm on the case I know it's worth it  
 I'm on the path now *I'm running like a circuit*  
 Got my dreams in sight and I'm ready for the fight  
 Now it's time to put all of the work in, yeah!

In the italicized lyric, it tells us about the struggle to achieve a dream. Related to the sentence, the word "like" is used to compare the word "running" with "a circuit". Hence, the singer explains that he is trying to be a winner so that he can achieve what he wants.

**Song 4: Love Who You Are**

Don't ever forget to love  
 Keep loving who you are  
 Don't ever forget you shine  
*Shining like a star*  
 There's something so perfect

In the italicized lyric, the word "like" is used to compare the words "shine" and "a star". This sentence tells us about confidence. Thus, it has the meaning that somebody needs to be confident in what he has. Then, we must be eager to be the most shining person among the others because we are the real star.

**3. Personification**

Personification is a statement that attributes human qualities to non-human entities, such as objects or animals. People say the wind howls or opportunity knocks, for instance. Neither the wind nor opportunity can do these things, but these personifications vividly convey a particular idea.<sup>3</sup> The writer found this type of figurative language metaphor in the Harris J song lyrics; for a more detailed explanation, see below:

**Song 1: Salam 'Alaikum**

*You can try and turn off the sun*  
 I'm still gonna shine away  
 And tell everyone  
 We're having some fun today

In the italicized lyric, it turns an inanimate object into a living thing. In this context, "sun" is an example of personification. It is a very distant object and cannot be turned on

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<sup>3</sup> Qurrotul 'Ain, "An Analysis Of Figurative Language In The Song Lyrics By Maher Zain", (Skripsi: IAIN Syekh Nurjati Cirebon, 2013)

and off like a lamp. Therefore, the meaning is that you can drop and make me lose my spirit and identity.

**Song 2: Rasool Allah**

a. *Rasool Allah habibAllah*

*Your light is always showing me the way*

*Rasool Allah habibAllah*

I'm longing for the day I see your face

In the italicized lyric of the second line, the word "your light" has no implicit meaning. It is an inanimate object and cannot show somebody a way. In that sentence, "your light" is not a light that can accompany people to live in this world, but the singer likes the word as the teaching brought by the Prophet *Muhammad* SAW for his followers.

b. I'll never leave your way

*Eyes that could light up any soul*

You became the chosen one

To proclaim the word of God, oh *Muhammad!*

In the italicized lyric, the word "eyes" is an inanimate object that cannot shine. Consequently, the real meaning is the attitude of the Prophet *Muhammad* Saw, who always gives peace and serenity to the people around him.

**Song 3: Eid Mubarak**

Friends and families all joined together

*Smile and laughter all around us shining through*

Let's make this day a day to remember

In the italicized lyric, it gives human qualities to things.

In this context, "smile and laughter" are symbols of happiness that cannot shine. Thus, it tells us that it is felt by all the Muslims who celebrate *Eid Mubarak*.

**Song 4: I Promise**

There are days when I just don't want to talk

*And your feeling hit a wall*

But that won't change

The love you've raised inside this family

In the italicized lyric, the word "your feeling" is an object of emotion, so that it cannot hit a wall. The result of the sentence's intent is the feeling that presenters have because of his behavior towards them: disappointment and hurt.

**Song 5: Love Who You Are**

At the way she talks, just how she walks

*It's tearing up her self-esteem*

She's lost in doubt, all she cares about

Is to find a way of fitting in

We can see from the lyric that the italicized word "it" refers to all she does at the time and "self-esteem" cannot be torn like paper. Thus, the meaning of this sentence is that she loses her self-esteem and her enthusiasm decreases because of her fear of other people's comments.

**Song 6: Worth It**

- a. Plant one seed and you can grow a tree

*That tree will grow in your field of dreams*

If you just believe then one day you'll see

When I'm on the case I know it's worth it

In the italicized lyric, "tree" is an object that cannot grow in "dreams" because it is a thing that cannot be seen by the eye or touched by the hand. Based on the writer analysis, the sentence above has meaning: if you have a dream, you should try to reach it. It's not easy to get, but you have to go process by process as a way to get it.

- b. Some wasting all their time

*When others aim for the sky*

I sacrifice some time for my success

I know it's worth it in the end

In the italicized lyrics, the word "other" refers to people who cannot possibly go to the sky because they are things that cannot be touched by hands. Based on the writer analysis, the sentence above has meaning: other people want to go wherever they want, whereas here we are still trying to get success and have to sacrifice time first.

**Song 7: You Are My Life**

*Your words light up my heart*

This connection I felt from the star

I'll never lose fight of my dreams

Without you where would I be?

In the italicized lyric, the original meaning intended to be conveyed by the singer above is not the real meaning. In this context, the word "words" cannot turn on a heart because it is an inanimate object. Thus, the implicit meaning "Your word" refers to the word of Allah in the Al-Quran, which becomes the guidance that can calm the hearts of mankind. For example, when we feel down, reading the Qur'an and understanding its interpretation will make us feel excited and not despair in life.

#### 4. Hyperbole

Hyperbole is an exaggeration or overstatement, usually deliberate and not meant to be taken literally. The exaggeration is so great that others cannot take the statement literally.<sup>4</sup> The writer found this type of figurative language metaphor in the Harris J song lyrics; for a more detailed explanation, see below:

**Song 1: *Rasool Allah***

I'm longing for the day I see your face  
*You brighten up my day*  
 And in my heart you'll stay  
 With every breath I take

We can see from the italicized lyric above that the Prophet Muhammad made his life more colorful or cheerful. Hence, the more he loves him.

**Song 2: *Eid Mubarak***

Let's make this day a day to remember  
*Let the peace of Allah shower you*  
 Chalo chalo sab Eid manayain

We can see from the italicized lyric above that there will be a lot of peace from Allah, who is always with us.

**Song 3: *My Hero***

Even when there was darkness  
 You called everyone to believe in Allah  
*You broke the shackles and brought light*

We can see from the italicized lyric above that it tells us the Prophet Muhammad is a noble man who brings great influence to human beings, which elevates mankind from humiliation to glory.

**Song 4: *Paradise***

- a. Devote all my time, yeah!  
 More than you could ever know  
 Oh, I do it all with smile, yeah!  
*I'd go a million miles yeah!*

We can see from the italicized lyric above that this is included in the measurement expression using the word "million miles" related to the theory in Chapter 2. In brief, it says that he will do all the commands of Allah until he gets the heaven he longing for.

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<sup>4</sup> Larson, M. L., " *Meaning Based Translation*", United State: University Press Of America Inc, 1998

- b. If I dare to fly higher  
 Then *I could touch the sky*  
 It's a really tough climb, yeah  
 But I'm aiming for the next life

We can see from the word “touch the sky” that it is impossible for someone to touch the sky because it is so far away. Hence, it means that he will get what he wants as long as he dares to face all his challenges.

**Song 5: Let Me Breath**

You don't need to stay up and worry  
 Let me feel naïve, *let me paint the sky*  
 I'll be alright  
 I just need a little more space

We can see from the italicized lyric above that it is hyperbole. In this context, it is impossible for someone to paint the sky. Accordingly, the meaning that the singer wants to convey is that the singer wants to determine his own way of life without anyone else managing it. He wants to be an independent person so that he can find his true identity.

**Song 6: You Are My Life**

And although I feel like I'm  
*A million miles away from home*  
 I can lose all that I have and when I feel the pain  
 I know what I can count on you

We can see from the italicized lyric above that it gives exaggeration to create a strong effect with the word “a million miles away from home”. It means he is so far away. This sentence is included in the measurement expression. Therefore, it tells us that he feels alone in this world and that there is no place to share his stories and problems.

**5. Irony**

Irony can be dramatic (a play), verbal (a statement), or situational (an event). Irony refers to words with an implication opposite to their usual meaning.<sup>5</sup> The writer found this type of figurative language metaphor in the Harris J song lyrics; for a more detailed explanation, see below:

**Song 1: I Promise**

*Having someone to go to*  
 Having someone to love

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<sup>5</sup> McArthur. T, “*The Oxford Companion to the English Language*”, New York: Oxford University Press, 1996, p.532.



Having both is blessing

The true meaning of the italicized lyrics above is that choosing someone to lean on instead of turning away. Therefore, it is included irony.

**Song 2: *Eid Mubarak***

Sending peace and salutation  
*Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah*  
*Such a great day for everybody*  
 Around the world

The true meaning of the italicized lyrics above is that in this world there are many holidays, for example: Christmas, Bali's Day of Silence, and so on. Therefore, the correct word is the big day of *Eid Mubarak* for Muslims in the world.

**Song 3: *Love Who You Are***

Another day, at school again  
 Weighing heavy upon his mind  
*Standing tall, trying to keep it cool*  
 Saying "yes" to everything

The meaning of the sentence in italics above is that he is trying to stay calm in all conditions, but something still weighs on his mind. So when in the outside environment, he tries to say "yes" to everything.

Based on the description above, the researcher will be makes the tables to know the types of figurative language in every song lyrics that the researcher analysis. For more clear, see the explanation below:

Table 4.1 Data of figurative language in the Harris J Song Lyrics by Album *Salam*

No.	Lyrics	Song	Code
1.	You can try and turn of the sun	<i>Assalamu'alaikum</i>	P
2.	You brighten up my day	<i>Rasool Allah</i>	H
3.	Eyes that could light up and soul	<i>Rasool Allah</i>	P
4.	Your light is always showing me the way	<i>Rasool Allah</i>	P
5.	You're my circle of life, compass, and guide	I Promise	M
6.	You're my heat when I'm cold	I Promise	M

7.	Having someone to go to	I Promise	I
8.	And your feeling hit a wall	I Promise	P
9.	Cause everyday is like a brand new story	Good Life	S
10.	I'd go a million miles	Paradise	H
11.	I could touch the sky	Paradise	H
12.	You broke the shackles and brought light	My Hero	H
13.	You are my hero	My Hero	M
14.	Smiles and laughter all around us shining through	<i>Eid Mubarak</i>	P
15.	Let the peace of Allah shower you	<i>Eid Mubarak</i>	H
16.	Such a great day for everyday	<i>Eid Mubarak</i>	I
17.	A life without You there is like a bird without its wings	The One	S
18.	You're the One in my life	The One	M
19.	That tree will grow in your field of dreams	Worth It	P
20.	When others aim for the sky	Worth It	P
21.	I'm on the path now I'm running like a circuit	Worth It	S
22.	Let me paint the sky	Let Me Breath	H
23.	Shining like a star	Love Who You Are	S
24.	It's tearing up her self-esteem	Love Who You Are	P
25.	Standing tall, trying to keep it cool	Love Who You Are	I
26.	You're the light that shines above	You Are My Life	M
27.	You're the melody	You Are My Life	M
28.	You're the key	You Are My Life	M
29.	You are my life	You Are My Life	M
30.	I'm a million miles away from home	You Are My Life	H
31.	Your words light up my heart	You Are My Life	P

## B. The Most of Dominant Figurative Language in the Harris J Song Lyrics

In this section, researcher will discuss the most dominant of figurative language in the song lyrics Harris J. From the table above, the researcher can concluded there are five figurative language uses in the song lyrics that the researcher analysis.

The researcher discovered four (4) songs with eight (8) lyrics in the first figure of speech, "Metaphor": there are I Promise has two lyrics, My Hero and The One has one lyric, You Are My Life has four lyrics. In the second figure of speech "Smile", the researcher discovered four songs with four lyrics too: there are The One, Good Life, Worth It, and Love Who You Are. They each have one lyric. In the third figure of speech "Personification", the researcher discovered seven songs with nine lyrics: there are *Assalamu'alaikum* has one lyric, *Eid Mubarak*, I Promise, and Love Who You Are has one lyric, Worth It has two lyrics, and You Are My Life has one lyric. In the fourth figure of speech "Hyperbole", the researcher discovered six songs with seven lyrics: there is *Rasool Allah*, *Eid Mubarak*, and My Hero has one lyric, Paradise has two lyrics, Let Me Breath and You Are My Life has one lyric. In the last of figure of speech "Irony", the researcher discovered three songs with three lyrics too: there is I Promise, *Eid Mubarak*, and Love Who You Are. They each have one lyric.

From the five figures of speech that the researcher analyzed, the researcher concluded that the most dominant of the types of figurative language, which is Personification, accounts for nine (9) lyrics in the seven (7) songs.

According to previous research, the researcher explains to analysis that there are twenty-seven (27) sentences with four (4) types of figurative language. The results of the analysis are twelve (12) song lyrics that are dominant in metaphor and hyperbole, while in this analytical research, the researcher takes five (5) types of figurative language, namely: metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole, and irony. Therefore, the dominant figure of speech in Harris J's song is personification because there are nine (9) song lyrics.

The researcher also explains every sentence of the song lyrics in the album regarding the category of figurative language. In his songs Harris J, uses more metaphors and personifications to implicitly convey a broader message so that he can represent the feelings he wants to convey to the readers. However, in this study, the researchers only used one figurative language, which is

personification. To understand the meaning of a sentence, a writer must be able to define the meaning of the sentence, understand the context of the sentence, the emotions used by the singer, the social meaning, and other aspects implied in it. In general, the writer finds that the values of all the figurative language contained in the lyrics of Harris J song tell us to always love *Allah* and *Rasulallah*; by following its orders and prohibitions. *Allah* always gives peace and serenity in our lives, so that we love the strengths and weaknesses in each of us more.

