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## Abstrak

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui bagaimana emosi negatif Ronnie berdasarkan pendekatan psikologis dan untuk mengetahui faktor-faktor yang mempengaruhi emosi negatif Ronnie dalam film *The Last Song* (2010) yang ditulis dan diproduksi oleh Jullie Anne Robinson. Penelitian ini merupakan penelitian kualitatif dengan pendekatan psikologi oleh Sigmund Freud. Sumber data penelitian ini menggunakan film *The Last Song* (2010). Teknik analisis data menggunakan teknik analisis deskriptif. Hasil analisis menunjukkan bahwa tokoh utama (Ronnie) memiliki tiga emosi negatif, yaitu marah, benci, dan sedih. Ada dua faktor yang mempengaruhi emosi negatif Ronnie, yaitu faktor internal dan faktor eksternal. faktor internal meliputi; Perasaan cemas dan kurang percaya diri, Perasaan benci terhadap orang tua yang bercerai. ada faktor eksternal; Memperlakukan orang seperti anak-anak, dan memiliki teman-teman yang membawa pengaruh buruk. Emosi negatif Ronnie dapat digambarkan melalui karakter, latar, dan peristiwa. Karakter Ronnie memiliki keluarga yang bercerai dan pengaruh teman-teman yang buruk. Setting atau tempat yang menggambarkan emosi negatif Ronnie adalah di pantai, dan di rumah Steve. Ada juga peristiwa yang menggambarkan emosi negatif Ronnie, yaitu saat Ronnie bertemu ayahnya dan saat ayahnya meninggal.

Kata kunci: Emosi negatif, *The Last song* (2010), Pendekatan psikologi

## Abstract

This study aims to determine how Ronnie's negative emotions are based on a psychological approach and to determine the factors that influence Ronnie's negative emotions in the film *The Last Song* (2010) written and produced by Jullie Anne Robinson. This research is a qualitative research with a psychological approach by Sigmund Freud. The data source of this study used the film *The Last Song* (2010). The data analysis technique used descriptive analysis technique. The results of the analysis show that the main character (Ronnie) has three negative emotions, namely anger, hatred, and sadness. There are two factors that influence Ronnie's negative emotions, namely internal factors and external factors. internal factors include; Feelings of anxiety and lack of confidence, Feelings of hatred for divorced parents. there are external factors; Treating people like children, and The influence of toxic friends. Ronnie's negative emotions can be described through characters, settings, and events. Ronnie's character has a divorced family and toxic friends. The setting or place that depicts Ronnie's negative emotions is on the beach, and at Steve's house. There are also events that describe Ronnie's negative emotions, namely when Ronnie met his father and when his father died.

**Keywords:** Negative emotion, *The last song* (2010), Psychological approach

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Humans are social creatures who experience many events in life. A tiring and boring routine makes us forget important urgent events and find meaning in life events, happy events, sad events, or maybe even ordinary events. This meaning is very important because it becomes one of the ingredients to manage or heal emotions in a person (Dinora, 2018,p.iv). Humans go through the events they experience without realizing that there are emotions in them, such as

actions taken when someone recalls events in the past that they have experienced, they will repeat the same actions or learn and improve these actions. Emotional management needs to be done in humans so as not to cause problems with other people and can harm themselves and others.

Furthermore, (A G Dinora, 2018) suggests that humans have emotions and the ability to heal and build a spirit of life so that they can be more productive and successful in building relationships. Each individual has a unique character in managing problems. There are those who succeed in managing problems to find balance within themselves, there are those who fail to manage problems and affect their mental and physical health, affect their daily lives to the extent that they affect the people closest to them (Aloysius Germia. Dinora, 2017) When a person can't find a balance in processing their emotions, they will be vulnerable to being discriminated against by the surrounding environment. come under pressure even within oneself. Psychiatric stress is the most common mental illness in society.

Anxiety and distress experienced by the author are emotions that refer to a typical feeling and thought, a biological, psychological state and a series of tendencies to act (Goleman, 2009) Individuals can make good observations if accompanied by good emotions. and vice versa, individuals can make observations that are not good if accompanied by bad emotions. From emotional problems like that the author pours it into a literary work.

Emotions are very important for humans because basically emotion is an urge to act. One of the films that has problems about emotions is the last song movie directed by jullie annie robinson. The movie tells the story of a girl named Veronica Ronnie L. Miller parents was divorced. in the summer, Ronnie went with his younger brother Jonah to his father Steve Miller's house on Tybee Island, a small Georgian coastal town where he raised. After arriving, Ronnie lives a miserable life and is very defensive to everyone including the popular and handsome man the name is Will Blakelee until they finally get on good terms while protecting a turtle nest in the sea of fools. He knows that Will is very kind and cares about his surroundings and finally Will and Ronnie have a more serious relationship and are on good terms with his father. Once his father fainted and Ronnie had to take his father to the hospital, he had been diagnosed with stomach cancer long before his summer visit. then Ronnie decides to accompany his father who will not live much longer because of the disease. around the same time, Ronnie and will got into a fight. Will decides to study in Europe so there is no time to make up. Steve has worked in music long enough to be a composer and the fall season has arrived so Jonah has to go back to New York to attend school while Ronnie stays behind to look after his dad. finally, Steve's death has arrived and Ronnie is heartbroken. At his father's

funeral, Ronnie gave a speech he conveyed how great a father was. He even finished his father's unfinished musical work. After the speech, Ronnie approached Will and finally made up. At the end of the film, Ronnie tells Will that he will be attending Juilliard for the second semester. Will surprises Ronnie by revealing that he will be moving to Columbia as well in the second semester.

The response from the audience of the last song movie is various but most of them highlight the acting of the film's characters are very good and animate every scene played by players from the film such as Milley Cyrus as Ronnie and Liam Hemsworth as Will Blakelee they highlight the acting of these two characters who they really animate their respective roles which in fact they are both the main characters of the last song of the movie.

From the response of the film's audience, many said that the actions of all the characters in the film were very deep in the roles played by several characters in the film, one of which was Milley Cyrus, who played the main character in the last song movie, had a very good role and his co-star Liam Hemsworth who plays Will Blakelee they are both very good at playing a character that he brings.

The audience appreciates Milley Cyrus's role as Ronnie who is the main character in the film because Ronnie has a family problem, namely Broken Home whose parents are divorced, this makes Ronnie have negative emotions and Ronnie becomes a moody and defensive figure after realizing the importance of a father figure, Ronnie finally realized . This is what makes the audience appreciate the role of Ronnie who is very good at playing the character. many sad and emotional stories make the audience feel Ronnie's sadness.

In this study, the researcher is very interested in discussing the problem in the last song film for several reasons. The causes are divided into four. there are social issues, each character's personality, plot, and many articles or research dealing with negative emotions. First, social problems that often occur in children who have negative emotions have an impact on the surrounding community.

The second reason is about the personality of the main female character in the film. The researcher is interested in the personality of the main female character in the film. Miley Cyrus who plays Ronnie Miller is very immersed in the role she plays as a child who has negative emotions because her parents are divorced and makes her psychologically disturbed so that the audience can feel what the main character feels from the film. the third reason is that researchers are very interested in the storyline in The Last song Movie. There are so many storylines from this film, including romance, religious issues, family, and music. which makes this film very interesting to watch.

The fourth reason is the number of topics and theories that discuss negative emotions, so it is easy to find articles and journals because in this study there are many journals or theories that discuss negative emotions and their impact on child psychology, one of which is the psychological theory proposed by Sigmund Freud. In addition, there are many studies that discuss the problem of children who have negative emotions in the film, the last song by Jullie Anne Robinson, which is a novel by author Nicholas Sparks, which tells about a child who has family problems, namely a broken home. these problems often occur in society or our lives how a broken home child lives his life with the problems he faces. In the film, apart from family problems, the writer also tells how Ronnie Miller's love story is and how his friendship and relationship with his father, who has been divorced from his mother, for a long time. This film depicts Ronnie who is a child from a broken home family, and how Ronnie has negative emotions from his problems, this film is closely related to a psychological approach. Therefore, the researcher raised the title: An Analysis The Main Character Negative Emotion In The Last Song (2010) Movie: Psychological Approach.

## **2. METHOD**

The researcher took several steps to collect the data of this research. There are several steps in collecting data according to (Morgan et al., 2013) as follows: Watching the film The Last Song (2010) to understand the content of the film , Reading and observe dialogue from the film script, Capturing of story scenes that refer to the data, Choosing scenes (dialogue, acting, and situations) that show the negative emotion of the main character Taking notes on the data collection table

## **3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

### **3.1 Ronnie's Negative Emotions**

In general, this finding will discuss the Negative Emotion of the main character. However, at the end of the discussion, the researcher will explain the Negative Emotion of the main character as a whole to support the data from this study. In this part the preconscious level will be applied in analyzing Ronnie's Negative Emotion.

#### **3.1.1 Hatred**

Sigmund Freud defines hate as a statement of the ego (self) that wants to destroy the sources of its unhappiness. this can be proven by several scenes that show ronnie has hatred in him:

#### **Data 1**

**Minute 00:02:32-00:02:46**



*Steve* : "Hi, Ronnie. How are you, sweetheart?"

*Ronnie* : .....

*Steve* : "Wow"

*Kim* : "You have no idea."

In this scene, Ronnie's mother, Kim, invites Ronnie and Jonah on a summer vacation at his father's house which is near the beach, when they get there they hug his father, Steve, but in that moment only Kim and his younger brother Jonah hug Steve, Ronnie refuses to hug his father because Ronnie still hates his father who divorced his mother.

### **Data 2**

**Minute 00:03:52-00:04:15**

*Will* : "I'm sorry. You OK?"

*Ronnie* : "I would rather drink my milkshake. than wear it, but I'm fine."

*Will* : "I'm sorry."

*Ronnie* : "You look it. Forget it."

In this scene when Ronnie is walking on the beach there are many people playing volleyball, accidentally one of the volleyball players bumps into Ronnie who is walking so that the drink he was carrying fell and spilled on his shirt. seen from the look on Ronnie's face who was annoyed with it, but it was Will who dropped Ronnie apologizing for the incident. Even though Will has apologized, Ronnie's face is very annoyed and hates Will.

### **Data 3**

**Mimute 01:23:47-01:24:02**

*Will* : "Ronnie!"

*Ronnie* : "You were there?"

*Will* : "I wanted to tell you."

*Ronnie* : "You saw what it did to him."

*Will* : "I know! I tried to get Scott to fess up."

*Ronnie : " Why didn't you say something? "*

*Will : " It's not that simple. It wasn't about me! Scott's a good  
guy. "*

*Ronnie : " I don't care, Will! You knew how guilty my dad felt, and  
you let him feel that way.*

Ronnie peeks at Will's conversation with his father discussing the church burning that his father is accused of but he is not proven to have done so. Will and his friend Scott try to explain to Steve that it was Will's friend Scott who burned down the church. Hearing this, Ronnie hated Will, who hurt his father's feelings by accusing him of being the suspect who set the church on fire.

### 3.1.2 Anger

Anger is a negative emotion that a person has when he gets a problem that offends his feelings and heart. According to (DiGiuseppe & Tafrate, 2015) Anger is an internal, mental and subjective feeling associated with cognitive and psychological changes in a person. There are several movie scenes that show that the main character Ronnie has negative emotions, namely anger.

#### **Data 1**

**Minute 00:15:52-00:16:10**

*Steve : " If you're gonna be here, you have to...*

*Ronnie : " I don't want to be here, Dad.*

*Ronnie : " That's just it. I don't want to be here. Is that not  
obvious? Do you not get that? "*

*Steve : " Yeah. Let's make the best of it, OK? "*

When ronnie came home at noon his father was playing the piano. at that time Ronnie's father will tell the rules that exist in his father's house. but when steve wants to explain to ronnie, she is even angry with his father because in fact he does not want to live with his father.

#### **Data 2**

**Minute 01:15:28-01:15:48**

*Steve* : “Ronnie...”

*Ronnie* : “You lied to me, Dad.”

*Steve* : “I didn't lie.”

*Ronnie* : “Yes, you did, Dad. You said you were fine.  
You're not fine! That was a lie!”

*Steve* : “I hoped. I didn't lie. It's not the same thing.”

*Steve* : “It's all right to be angry.”

*Ronnie* : “Good.”

Ronnie was surprised when his father was in the hospital she went to visit his father. At the hospital, Ronnie was angry with his father because all this time he had lied to hide the cancer that he had, even though his father had been fine. Steve Ronnie's father explained that he had been suffering from cancer for a long time.

### 3.1.3 Sadness

Sadness is a feeling or emotion that someone has when they get a problem that makes someone feel full of pressure. (Herawan, 2021) Things that cause sadness include; longing, loneliness, disappointment, loss and death. Sad feelings can expressed in different ways. Sadness is also part of life's experience that does not escape the ups and downs and twists and turns of life.

#### **Data 1**

##### **Minute 01:32:45-01:34:36**

Ronnie played the piano from a song his father wrote, at that time his father's condition was getting worse due to cancer he suffered because of that his father was lying on the terrace of the house and he finally died, Ronnie felt very lost and showed a sad expression in this scene, this is what is meant in the last song in this film, which is the last song dedicated to the father.

#### **Data 2**

##### **Minute 01:34:59-01:35:16**

*Kim* : “You OK?”

*Ronnie* : “I can't do it, Mom.”

*Kim : " Look, you have a right to shut down. Just, please, don't push me away."*

*Ronnie : " It's what I do, Mom. I push people away. I pushed Will away too."*

Ronnie still looks sad since her father died, Ronnie's mother, Kim, came to calm Ronnie, in the scene Kim, Ronnie's mother begged not to leave him but that's what Ronnie has been doing all this time, she stays away from everyone including Will who was her boyfriend.

### **3.2 The cause of ronnie's negative emotions**

There are several factors that cause a person to have negative emotions, in this study discusses what causes negative emotions from the main character of the last song (2010) movie, namely ronnie. There are 2 factors that cause Ronnie to have negative emotions, namely internal factors and external factors.

#### **3.2.1 Internal factor**

Internal factors are factors that can occur from oneself, such as one's feelings. A person's feelings are the main triggering factors for emotions. Some emotional disturbances from internal factors include: Feelings of anxiety and lack of confidence due to deficiencies in a person, feelings of hatred for divorced parents.

- a. Feelings of anxiety and lack of confidence.

**Minute 00:47:41-00:48:11**

*Megan : " It's a family tradition. Both my parents went to college at Vanderbilt. Tom and I actually met there. Didn't we, Tom?"*

*Tom : "yeah"*

*Megan : " And now, our William will go there as well. Where will you be going, Ronnie?"*

*Ronnie : " I'm not... going anywhere."*

One moment when Ronnie was invited to Will's house and met Will's parents, namely Megan and Tom, Megan told their family tradition that they were studying in Vanderbilt and Will also be studying there, when Megan asked Ronnie where he was going to college, and Ronnie answered no confident and said she was not going anywhere. this shows ronnie's anxiety when he answers questions from megan and feels unable.

b. Feelings of hatred for divorced parents

In this scene we are shown how Ronnie hates his divorced parents. when she met his father ronnie immediately left the two of them and walked towards the beach. From this scene, it can be concluded that the cause of the negative emotions experienced by Ronnie is feeling hate towards his divorced parents.

### 3.2.2 External Factor

Apart from internal factors, emotions can also occur from external factors. External factors are a cause of emotions that come from outside such as: treating people like children and the influence of toxic friends

a. Treating people like children.

**Minute 00:15:30-00:15:50**

*Steve* :” *Ronnie, can I talk to you?*”

*Ronnie* :”*Sure*”

*Steve* :” *Where were you?*”

*Ronnie* :”*Out*”

*Steve* :” *Well, it's almost 1:00, so...*”

*Ronnie* :” *You don't have to wait up for me. I'm not 12*

In this scene steve asks ronnie where she has been because it's already one o'clock ronnie's father is worried about him, ronnie replies she is out and don't mind it because she is not a kid anymore, this makes ronnie angry at steve because he thinks ronnie is still a child.

b. The influence of toxic friends.

**Minute 00:25:45-00:26:08**

*Officer* :” *Excuse me*”

*Ronnie : " What?"*

*Officer : " I'm sorry. I have to check your purse."*

*Ronnie : " Fine."*

*Officer : "( check ronnie's purse)"*

*Ronnie : " I did not take that."*

*Officer : " You're gonna have to come with me."*

When ronnie went to the gift shop she met his friend blaze. without ronnie knowing blaze had put the bracelet from the shop in his small bag, then ronnie greeted blaze and accused ronnie of having sex with blaze's girlfriend, marcus, but ronnie denied it and thought it was Marcus who teased him, then blaze left the shop. when ronnie was about to chase blaze, suddenly the siren sounded and ronnie was accused of stealing even though blaze was the one who put things in ronnie's bag from the start.

### **3.3 The Depiction of Ronnie's Negative Emotions.**

Ronnie's negative emotions in this movie is depicted in the characters, settings, and events.

#### **3.3.1 Characters.**

Characters are individuals who are part of the storyline of the movie. This section discusses the main character namely Ronnie in The Last Song Movie by Julie Anne Robinson who is describe the negative emotions.

##### **a. Having divorce parents.**

**Minute 00:06:02-00:06:17**

*Kim : " We hurt them, Steve. Especially Ronnie. We can  
try and pretend..."*

*Steve : " I'm not gonna do this. OK? Things happen.*

*Nobody's perfect And Ronnie... Ronnie will be*

*Fine."*

When Ronnie's mother, Kim, visits Steve's house, they talk about Ronnie's condition. In the scene Kim said they had hurt their two children, especially Ronnie, this indicated that

they had divorced and Ronnie had a broken home family, causing Ronnie to have negative emotions in him.

b. Having the toxic friends.

**Minute 00:25:20-00:25:45**

*Ronnie : " Blaze, what's wrong?"*

*Blaze : " I saw how you looked at him. At Marcus? I saw you."*

*Ronnie : " What are you talking about?"*

*Blaze : " I love him, OK? So stay away"*

*Ronnie : " I am not interested..."*

*Blaze : " You're lying!. I watched you flirt with him."*

*Ronnie : " The guy's a creep. He was the one coming on to me."*

at a shop ronnie met her friend blaze, ronnie greeted him but blaze showed an angry face because ronnie was accused of flirting with marcus, blaze boyfriend, even though it was not true ronnie also denied that marcus was the one who teased him, then blaze left ronnie just like that, but before that she had put something in ronnie's bag so ronnie was accused of stealing by the shopkeeper. this shows that ronnie has a toxic friend that triggers negative emotions in him.

### 3.3.2 Setting

The setting is a depiction the time, place, space, and atmosphere that appear in the story. In this section, the main character of The Last Song movie expresses the negative emotion.

a. At the beach

**Minute 00:04:19-00:04:50**

*Will : " Hey, look. I really am sorry."*

*Ronnie : " Didn't we just do this?"*

*Will : " I'm Will, by the way. Let me buy you another shirt."*

Ronnie :” No, thanks. I'm good.”

When Ronnie was walking on the beach suddenly someone accidentally bumped into Ronnie, namely Will, after that incident Ronnie's dirty clothes were spilled on the drink she brought, Will already apologized and planned to buy Ronnie new clothes but Ronnie refused and immediately left there. This indicates that Ronnie hates Will. Instantly at the beach Ronnie shows his negative emotions to Will.

b. Steve's house

**Minute 00:16:53-00:17:10**

Steve :” If you're pissed at me and... you wanna hurt me, fine, hurt me. Be mad, be angry, but don't stop playing. It's stupid, Ronnie. It really is, and you're too talented.”

Ronnie :” Are we done?”

In this scene Steve plays the piano in the house, Ronnie threatens to sleep outside if his father continues to play the piano, Ronnie is very talented at playing the piano before his father and mother divorced and will enter Julliard University but Ronnie says she will not go there, this makes Steve resigned and said that Ronnie had acted foolishly when she didn't accept the offer at the university. Ronnie immediately went to his room showing hatred for his father. It can be concluded that Ronnie shows negative emotions in his father's house.

### 3.3.3 Event

The event is a series that forms a storyline. The story events that are arranged compose each past, present, and future scene in the movie. In this section, the depiction of the event focuses on the negative emotions of the main character in *The Last Song* movie by Julie Anne Robinson.

a. Ronnie met her father

At the beginning of the story we are shown when Ronnie meets her father, Steve, it can be seen from the look on Ronnie's face that she hates her father due to his divorce with her mother and now they are reunited, from this event we see Ronnie bringing up his negative emotions to his father by hating him when reunited.



b. After her father died.

In the scene ronnie has lost his father who died from cancer his father suffered. His mother came to comfort Ronnie who was grieving. For this incident, Ronnie was seen showing his negative emotions, namely with a sad expression.

#### **4. CLOSING**

After the writer analyzed the film *The Last Song* (2010) using Sigmund Freud's theory, namely Psychological theory, the writer focused on Ronnie's Negative Emotion as the main character. *The Last Song* (2010) is a psychological drama musical film is very interesting to watch because this film has many meanings and messages that can be taken, especially the negative emotion of the main characters that can be problems that occur in society . The author will conclude starting from kind of ronnie's negative emotion, the following are the conclusions from the results of the analysis:

First, there are 3 kinds of Ronnie's negative emotions, namely hatred, anger, and sadness. the first is the hatred of negative emotions that arise when ronnie meets her father who is divorced from her mother, then when Ronnie walks on the beach she is accidentally hit by Will which causes his drink to spill, besides Ronnie shows his hatred for Will when Will accuses his father of burning a church, the second is the anger that Ronnie shows when she is talking to his father then she yells at his father and is angry with his father because she actually doesn't want to live with his father, then Ronnie shows his anger when his father lied about his father's illness, the third is the sadness that Ronnie experienced when his father died.

the second is the cause of Ronnie's negative emotions, there are two factors, namely internal and external, the internal factors that cause Ronnie's negative emotions are Feelings of anxiety and lack of confidence, when Ronnie visits Will's house for lunch, and his mother will ask him something but Ronnie doesn't confident in answering the question, then Feelings of hatred for divorced parents, Ronnie really hates his divorced parents this is what causes negative emotions to arise, then external factors there are two scenes that show the cause of Ronnie's negative emotions, the first when Ronnie is considered still like a child by his father and has a toxic friend.

The third is the depiction of Ronnie's negative emotions in characters, settings, and events. The first is Ronnie's character who has a divorced family and has a toxic friend who shows Ronnie's negative emotions, the second is the setting where Ronnie's negative emotions occur, at his father's house and on the beach, the third is an event, there are 2 events depicting Ronnie's negative emotion, there is when first met his father and when his father died.

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