

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Language is a very important tool that humans have, language comprises conventional spoken or written symbols or even gesture used by human to communicate with one other. whatever its form, language is successfully used if the message contained is delivered to the listener. Usually, language is used in the literature review such as poem, short story, movie and song. In this era, people can share or communicate someone with other through song. or in this case as a football fans using song as a tool to express their support for their proud football club. If we pay attention every football club has their own pride song which we usually refer to “Anthem”. One song with full magic that is very sacred and very much represents a team spirit. Watching football match is fun activity, if we love a football club we will automatically support when they play, one of ways to support that is by singing chants, similar to anthem but chant is more common and sung when sung as long as the player plays in the field. But anthems are usually sung before or after a match and be as proud of the team as the national anthem, Anthem is usually made by their club, their fans, band groups or singers who relate to the football club or the city.

As we know football anthem has many kinds of figurative language because inside anthem contains the meaning suggested for giving spirits to football club in emotional aspects Dancygier & Sweetser, (2014, p.1) stated that “Figurative language was thought of as being one aspect of what gives a text – in particular, a poetic text – special esthetic value”. It means that the message delivered to the audience feels more beautiful than he directly talks about the personal qualities of his subjects, such as kindness, charm, and beauty. It can increase emotional involvement, and it might be exactly the intended artistic effect.

We can find figurative languages in a variety of literary works. In this study, the researcher analyses meaning and figurative language used in anthem song of the most popular English premiere league's club. Here the researcher takes the sample of figurative language found in You'll Never Walk Alone song, as the anthem of Liverpool F.C. :

“When you walk through a **storm**, hold your head up high
 And don't be afraid of **the dark**
 At the end of the storm, there's a **golden sky**
 And **the sweet, silver song of a lark**”

Lyric of this anthem define even though are going through hard times in the downturn remain strong with hold the head up high, and don't be afraid of the bad state around. Because at the end of the journey there will be a time when rise up singing joyfully.

Song as the anthem said to be the language of emotions builds the spirit and togetherness. When anthem to be sung at the tribun by thousands of supporters can improve the energy of that anthem. Moreover, if the diction or figurative language used in that anthem have the big meaning and message so the words of the anthem can pumping the braveness of players when they playing the match.

The researcher choose this data because interested in football because we know football is the most popular sport in the world. English Premier League Club is the most popular football league, the premier league is the most-watched sports league in the world, broadcast in 212 territories to 643 million homes and a potential TV audience of 4.7 billion people. Another interesting thing is the football anthem or song from fans for players who can add to the passion and enthusiasm of players in winning the game, football anthem used so many figurative language. So it's splendid to be analyzed.

The researcher chooses some anthem which were most popular in English premiere league to be analyzed. Based on the phenomenon above, at last the writer determines to do the research entitled **“TYPE AND MEANING OF FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE OF MOST POPULAR FOOTBALL ANTHEM SONG FROM ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE CLUB”**

B. Problem Statement

Based on the description in the background above, the research problems are formulated as follows :

1. What are the types of figurative languages in the selected anthem song of the English Premier League's club?
2. What are the types of meaning of figurative language in the selected anthem song of the English Premier Leagues club?

C. Objective of the Study

From the problem statements above, the purpose of the research are:

1. To find out the types of figurative language in the selected anthem song of the English Premier League's club.
2. To describe the types of meaning of figurative language in the selected anthem song of the English Premier League's club.

D. Benefit of the Study

From this research, the researcher hopes the findings of this study are expected to contribute both theoretical and practical benefits.

1. Theoretical benefits

Referring to the purpose of the research above, the results of this

research are expected to improve knowledge of figurative language. So, the results of this study provide more explanation about figurative language and the use of figurative language and meaning of figurative language especially.

2. Practical Benefits

a. English Teacher

This research is expected to be applied for further reference to the English teaching and learning process of figurative language and meaning of figurative language.

b. Future Researcher

This research can be useful for future researcher as a reference in conducting a new research about figurative language used in especially in the anthem of the English Premier League's club or in different types of literature sources.