

AN ANALYSIS OF LOVE EXPRESSIONS THROUGH THE WORDS USED IN THE JUSTIN BIEBER'S LYRICS

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ABSTRACT

Love is one of the topics that has always been interesting to discuss from the past to the present because love is a powerful human feeling that can be conveyed literally and figuratively. This research aims to describe the types and explain how the words are used to convey the feelings of love in the album Believe (2012). The writers use the qualitative method. The data of this research were taken from Believe's (2012) album which consists of 13 songs. The writers found the type of love affection, lust, and longing. Literal words of love expressions were identified in 34 out of 50 data. Hyperbole is a figure of speech that is most widely used to express feelings of love. Besides that, the writers found metaphor, personification, and simile figures of speech.

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INTRODUCTION

Humans use language to express their feelings verbally and non-verbal. It means that language verbally expresses feelings and emotions through the use of words. Language is full of feeling in context or "feeling language", which means that language is used to express emotion through words [1].

Emotions are all feelings that can be felt by someone in an unstable state [2]. In this research, the writers examine the emotional expression of love because love is a powerful human feeling. Love is a complex whole that appears to derive in part from genetically transmitted instincts and drives but probably in larger part from socially learned role modeling that, through observation, comes to be defined as love [3].

Love is a primary emotion, while Affection, Lust, and Longing are influenced by primary emotion. Affection as secondary emotion consists of (1) Adoration, (2) Affection, (3) Love, (4) Fondness, (5) Liking, (6) Attraction, (7) Caring, (8) Tenderness, (9) Compassion, (10) Sentimentality. Furthermore, Lust consists of (1) Arousal, (2) Desire, (3) Lust, (4) Passion, and (5) Infatuation. Longing as the third category in secondary emotion only consisted of Longing [4]. The writer was inspired by previous researchers to use capital letters as a differentiator between primary emotion and tertiary emotion [5].

The emotional expression of love can be conveyed literally and nonliterally. Literal means that love is

expressed through employing words in their correct contexts. Non-literal language refers to the use of words in figures of speech, often known as figurative language. Figurative language is a "figure of speech," "rhetorical figure," and "metaphorical language". Figures of speech are used to compare-paint a picture in people's minds, it's the same thing with new names [6].

The purposes of this research are to describe the types of love expressions used in Believe (2012) album and to explain how the words are used to convey the feelings of love. Believe is Justin Bieber's third studio album. It was released on June 15, 2012, with Genres: Pop, R&B, and hip hop with Mike Posner, Mason Levy, Timbaland, and Rodney "Darkchild" Jerkins as producers which consists of 13 songs.

METHOD

This research uses qualitative and descriptive methods. Descriptive research is research conducted based on existing facts. This study also aims to make a systematic, factual description of the facts and characteristics of a particular object [7]. The descriptive method is fact-finding with the right interpretation [8]. The source of the data in this research is Justin Bieber's Lyrics derived from the internet. The writer just finds the lyrics of Believe (2012) album in it.

In analyzing the data, the writer used Parrot's theory to classify the types of love and to explain how words are used to convey the feelings of love, the writer applies the theory of figurative language by Laurence Perrine.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The writers found as many as 50 data on expressions of love from 13 songs contained in the album Believe (2012). Based on the 50 data on love expressions, the writer found 34 types of love affection, 4 data of lust, and 11 data of longing. In addition, the writer also found 34 data on how to express the feelings of love by using vocabulary such as the use of the words *beautiful, love, baby, my baby, lady, my girlfriend, my love, kiss, señorita, and ma chérie*, 2 data metaphorically, 1 data on personification, 3 data on simile, and 10 data on hyperbole from 13 songs in the album Believe (2012). Data sample of love expression used by Justin Bieber in the album Believe (2012) is presented in the following data:

1. The types of love

A. Affection

Affection was the most frequent type of love identified in 34 out of the 50 data the writer collected in the album Believe (2012). The writer describes some of the data as follows.

"You're **beautiful, beautiful**, you should know it"
(L1, line: 1-2)

This is an example of affection: attraction because this lyric expresses the feeling of liking someone by the way they look.

"**I love everything about you**" (L1, line: 36)

This is another example of affection: liking because the lyric in this example shows a feeling of liking someone by using the word *I love everything about you*.

B. Lust

In this research, the writer found 4 out of 50 data sources in Justin Bieber's lyrics in the album Believe (2012). The writer discusses lust as a type of love in each data of the research below.

"I just wanna **kiss** you" (L6, lines: 10&25)

This example shows lust: lust is the type of love because this lyric shows sexual attraction by conveying through the lyrics *kiss*.

"I don't want-want nobody when I got-got **your body**"
(L11, line: 27-28)

This sample expressed lust: desire as the type of love by using the phrase *your body*.

C. Longing

The writer found 11 out of 50 longing as the type of love in Justin Bieber's lyrics, especially in Believe

album. In this part, the writer has some data on longing as a type of love in Justin Bieber's lyrics illustrated in the example below.

"**I'd never let you go**" (L2, line:14, 28, 32, &35)

In this example, longing is a type of love expressed in the lyrics. The desire not to let a loved one go is emphasized by the word *never* which shows that Justin Bieber in this lyric needs and wants the person he loves to stay with him forever.

2. The ways to express the feelings of love

A. The use of vocabulary

In Justin Bieber's lyrics in the album Believe (2012), there are 34 out of 50 data show how to express feelings of love literally. The writer describes each song's lyrics that use vocabulary to express feelings of love as follows.

"Ooh, **Baby**" (L8, line:27)

This example shows how to express the feeling of love by using the word *baby* literally.

B. The use of figurative language

In Justin Bieber's lyrics in the album Believe (2012), there are 16 out of 50 data show how to express feelings of love in the figure of speech. The writer describes each song's lyrics that use figures of speech to express feelings of love as follows.

"You're **my hallelujah**" (L3, line: 26)

A metaphor is a figure of speech in which two things are directly compared. In this lyric, *you* is metaphorically compared to *hallelujah*.

"Beauty **revolves** around you." (L1, line: 43)

Personification figure of speech can be seen in the lyrics of *beauty revolves around you* because of the use of the word *revolves* which is generally used for things or objects.

"You **shine just like the sun**" (L1, line: 42)

It is simple to identify a simile as a comparison figure of speech in this lyric because it uses the word *like* to compare a loved one with other things such as the sun.

"I just wanna hug you **till the end, baby till the end**"
(L6, lines: 10 & 25)

the songwriter wants to express feelings about someone in love and wants to spend time with that person forever.

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

In conclusion, the songs on the album Believe in 2012 are about the search for true love. In addition, Justin Bieber also shared his personal experiences in several songs. Album Believe (2012) can be said an emotional love song album because this album expresses the

feelings of love. As a result, the writer found the types of love proposed by Parrott (2001) that are affection, lust, and longing.

On this album, Justin Bieber uses various vocabulary to express feelings of love literally like *beautiful, love, baby, my girlfriend, my love, kiss, señorita, and ma chérie*. In addition, the ways of figurative language to convey feelings of love that are hyperbole are found to be dominant in this research. The songwriter uses hyperbole figures of speech to show his love feelings and make this album a very interesting love album.

The writer recommends the next researcher who is interested in analyzing song lyrics, particularly those from Justin Bieber's Believe album (2012) because numerous elements can be analyzed, such as the emotions of happiness and sadness, or compound emotions that can be used to learn more about linguistics in the song lyrics contained in the album Believe (2012).

The song lyrics is not the primary source of data used in the analysis of emotions. The next researcher can explore more materials including movies, short stories, short films, poems, novels, YouTube videos, and TV shows.

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