

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of study

Language is human non instinctive method of communicating ideas, feeling, and desire by means of system of sound and sound symbol. The use of language is a crucial important thing because it is an integral part of being human, Allah said that language is a gift for human life as a natural ability (Ar Rahman : 3)

خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ ۝

عَلَّمَهُ الْبَيَانَ ۝

There are some words which seem strange today that are still used by old people but are seldom used by young people. The example of this also can be found in poetry by comparing them with different author. Every poet has different way in writing their poetry, especially about using and choosing poetic diction for their poetry. Poetry is not just some lines of sentences, but poetry also can include many feelings, emotions, opinion, critics, values of life, etc. from these

we know that language is really unique and rich. Our God has given us many kinds of language as the gift for human to communicate each other. it is written in Ar Rum : 22

وَمِنْ ءَايَاتِهِ خَلْقُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافُ السِّنِّتِكُمْ وَاللُّوَانِكُمْ
 إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢٢﴾

This verse tells about there are many languages in the world. Different in words but have the same aims that is to communicate. It has been estimated that some sixty percent of today's world population is multilingual. Every language has uniqueness and system that makes them different and being one specific language.

English is an International language that is widely used and learnt in today's world. Many people learn it to gain better academic and professional success; they try to find ways to learn English effectively. They have many ideas to learn English effectively too and to take advantages of all learning opportunity, for example listening to English program on the TV, watching movie, reading books or novels and of course many people read poetry.

Reading English literature especially poetry is not only a fun activity but also it can improve language skill. Sometimes people just think that poetry is kind of imaginative writing that the writer can show their feeling or emotion to the reader or someone who they mean in their poetry. Actually, in the large context of poetry, it can be an interesting media to learn English. There are many choice of poetry, that we can use according to what we need for our English learning. For instance is for reading skill. We can choose the poetry based on the level of learners. The example is classification of poetry based on the level of vocabulary that are used in poetry whether it is easy vocabulary or hard vocabulary. Poetry also can be classified based on the themes. Reading English material like poetry provide the readers opportunity not only to enrich vocabulary but grammar as well. Therefore I choose poetic diction to my research subject.

As for the sense of diction is the selection of words in a work of literature. Diction is important in poetry because the choice of words in work can convey feeling, action, or attitude. Diction can be analyzed from both a character and writer's perspective. Finding example of diction in poetry is both hard and easy. Each word in a work of poetry is often calculated and meant convey feelings and ideas to the reader.

Diction is understood to be the distinctive tone or tenor of an author's writings that becomes immediately synonymous with his/her

name. Diction is usually judged with reference to the prevailing standards of proper writing and speech and is seen as the mark of quality of the writing. It is also understood as the selection of certain words or phrases that become peculiar to a writer.

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"A frosty winter night - my love,
Chill wind whispers sweet adoration.
Binds my body with the finest wool,
The darkest of sweet sensations."

John Anderson, Night, My Lover

In the above excerpt from "Night, My Lover" by John Anderson, Anderson chooses to use a great deal of words with 'w' and 's' sounds to convey a soothing peaceful feeling. John could have said "Cold gales talk sugary love", but it would not have conveyed the meaning or feeling of the poem correctly. The choice of one word as opposed to another is diction. (<http://www.poetandknowit.com/english-definitions/diction-examples.aspx>).

There are many poetry written, one of the famous poets is Douglas Malloch, and many poetic diction that will be found in his poems and readers need to know the meaning of sentences that are used.

The reason why I choose the poems by Douglas Malloch because I like the poems from this writer, and I think Douglas Malloch's poems give learning to our life. Besides Douglas Malloch poems is easy to understand.

Based on the explanation above, the writer is interested in making a research entitled **Poetic Diction Analysis Of Poetry By Douglas Malloch**.

This research will focus on some selected poems written by Douglas Malloch. The title is "Good timber", "Be the best of whatever you are", "Father's lodge", "The Little Lodge Of Long Ago", "Make Me Mellow", and "It's Fine Today".

B. Statement of the Problems

Based on the topic, the problem of the research can be formulated as follow:

1. What poetic diction is used in some selected poems by Douglas Malloch?
2. What are the meaning of poetic diction used in Douglas Malloch's poem?
3. What is the dominant poetic diction in Douglas Malloch's poems?

C. Objective of study

Based on the problem limitation above, the purpose of this research are:

1. To know poetic diction that is used in some selected poetry by Douglas Malloch.
2. To understand the meaning of sentences in the poetic diction.
3. To find poetic diction in Douglas Malloch poem's.

D. Significance of the Research

The research has significance as follow

1. To give contribution and reference for readers in understanding poetic diction use in English literature especially in the poem from English and Indonesia.
2. Enrich writer's knowledge and experience in the scientific research.
3. Be information, consideration and input for educator generally and English lecturer in English Department Islamic Education Faculty Antasari Banjarmasin

4. Be enrichment of Antasari state library's literature
5. Be information about what Poetic Diction that are used in some selected poetry in Douglas Malloch's poems.
6. Understanding the meaning of some Poetic diction sentences.

E. Research Method

In running the research the writer chooses library research, which describes the concepts Poetic Diction by using the objective approach as the most appropriate method for this study. The study will make good for using data from books, journals, and outline resources. In this library research there are four main steps namely:

1. Consulting library catalogue.

In this step the writer hunts for the references by consulting the catalogues. They guide the writer to get the assumed information contained in the available references.

2. Selecting the related references

It is possible that the available references do not contain the needed information. The writer must read quickly each references and the reading may end up into nothing valuable at all. If that is the case, the writer must go on hunting for other references.

3. Note- taking from the available references

This step is also important. What and which to take into notes will be a matter of trial and error to mention the adequacy of the notes.

4. Picking quotation throughout the poem to analyze kinds of poetic diction that are used in poem.

Picking quotation is the guidance in the formulated problem limitation. This means that the problem must be made more operational so that the writer can pick the right quotations. It is not only the matter of the quotations, but also they are adequate to analyze the Poetic Diction of the poetry.

F. Definition of key Terms

To avoid misunderstanding toward the title, the writer will explain about some terms of the title as follow:

➤ Poetic : Nature of poetry: a variety of literature that is bound by the language of rhythm, mantra, rhyme, and poetic can also interpreted disambiguation.

➤ Diction: Diction is the selection of words in a work of literature

➤ Analysis: a careful examination of something in order to understand it better or to see what it consist.

➤ Poetry: Collection of poems

➤ Douglas Malloch : Douglas Malloch (May 5, 1877 – July 2, 1938) was an American poet, short story writer and Associate editor of *American Lumberman*, a trade paper in Chicago. He became known as a "Lumberman's poet" both locally and nationally. He is noted for writing *Round River Drive* and *Be the Best of Whatever You Are* besides many other creations. He was commissioned to write Michigan State Song. He was born in Muskegon, Michigan which was known as a center of Lumbering Industry.