

CHAPTER IV

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

A. Findings

In this chapter the researcher presents the data finding and the analysis of figurative language used in eight songs of Raef. In order to find the data that would be analyzed, the researcher identified every lyric of those songs after that the researcher analyze all of that eight songs, finding out the meaning the figurative language the lyric songs and finding out the skill use this song for learning english.

In order to easily display the data finding about all type of figurative language found in Raef's selected song lyrics, the researcher make a classification table that shows total frequencies in Raef's song lyrics. The detail of the data is as follows:

Table 4.1

1. Figurative Language in Raef's Lyric Songs

No.	Figurative Language	Title	Song	Lyric
1.	Personification	Call On Him	1	<i>It greets me with its cheerful eyes</i>
		You're There	2	<i>No matter what the world brings</i>
		Home	3	<i>Our lakes they praise the Great</i>

	So Real	4	<i>That love never lives to see another day</i>	
2.	Metaphor	Home	3	<i>Home is where the heart is, home is where your love is</i>
		Home	3	<i>Made friends with the moonlight</i>
		You're There	2	<i>And even if the birds won't sing</i>
		You're There	2	<i>And even if the sun won't smile</i>
		The Path	5	<i>Digging through our pages past</i>
		You Are The One	6	<i>And when there's gray in our hair and we've not much to do</i>
		You're There	2	<i>The world turns gray now, are we out of time?</i>
		Freedom Ain't Free	7	<i>Yeah the storm clouds are coming,</i>

	Freedom Ain't Free	7	<i>Pray for sunny weather</i>	
	Call On Him	1	<i>All day, I'm paving my way</i>	
3.	Simile	You're There	2	<i>I'll remember what You said as I watch the stars spark</i>
4.	Hyperbole	You Are The One	6	<i>I thought of this before over a million times</i>
	You Are The One	6	<i>I prayed about this just over a million times</i>	
	Home	3	<i>I've been through sunshine</i>	
	Home	3	<i>"Our smile they shine from sea to sea"</i>	
	Freedom Ain't Free	6	<i>Stand by my side it's our time to fly</i>	
5.	Paradox	The Path	5	<i>And when I doubt, I'll have no doubt</i>
	You're There	2	<i>And somehow when I think of</i>	

			<i>You I smile deep inside!</i>
6.	Synecdoche	Dream	8 <i>Our hands alone can feel so helpless and weak</i>

2. Song Lyrics Can Be Used In English Learning

Learning through songs is a great opportunity to combine their interests and learning the language. If you are interested in a song, they will be determined to understand it. Remind that pop songs sometimes use informal, everyday language. It's important to understand that English is used differently in different situations. For example, the English in pop songs probably wouldn't be right in formal writing.

Singing is great for learning the rhythm of a language. It helps us learn how words are linked together in connected speech. Any chance to hear English is helpful. Even if it's just putting on background music during mealtimes, enjoytimes or when you're travelling. But to really improve your English, you will need to listen carefully. Make some time to understand the song lyrics and think about what they mean.

Based on the explanation above, the writer believes that learning English through song activities it is can practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills

a. Listening Skills

Listening is one of the most important skills you can have. How well you listen has a major impact on your job effectiveness and on the quality of your relationships with others. For instances: We listen to obtain information, to understand, for enjoyment, and to learn. Here we present an example of listening practice: the student listen carefully and then they are complete the following song lyrics with correct words.

a. Speaking Skills

The ability to speak confidently and fluently is something which student will develop during their time at school or wherever they are, and something that will help them throughout their life. Here we present an example of speaking practice: Read the song lyrics out loud. Look up any unknown words in a dictionary. Listen to the song and read the lyrics at the same time. Encourage the students to sing along. When they're ready, try singing along without looking at the lyrics. Remember, they don't have to get it perfect straight away! It's actually more effective to repeat regularly.

b. Reading Skills

Reading is one of the skills that must be mastered in learning English. Reading in English is a skill that must be practiced continuously because a lack of vocabulary will hinder a person from understanding reading. Here we present an example of Reading

practice: that is reading comprehension the students read the song lyric and then answer the questions.

c. Writing Skills

Writing skills are an important part of communication. Good writing skills allow you to communicate your message with clarity and ease to a far larger audience than through face-to-face or telephone conversations. continuously because a lack of vocabulary will hinder a person from understanding reading. Here we present an example of writing practice: The students read the song lyric and then answer the questions. The answer have to write an essay.

B. Discussion

This section presents the discussion of the research findings. As what the researcher had mentioned on the first chapter, there are two research question that should be answered in this study.

1. Figurative Language

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a. Personification

Song 1: Call on Him

All night I pray I might,

Wake up and feel the light

Before I know it, the Sun has arrived

It greets me with its cheerful eyes

This sentence is marked as personification because of the word “greet” and “cheerful eyes”. This two words make the sun seems like human since we know that sun doesn’t has eyes and mouth to greet. The meaning of the sentence is the sun and when it shines make him feel better.

Song 2: You’re There

No matter what the world brings

And even if the birds won't sing

Better times are on their way

‘Cause I know You're there

The word bring is the mark of personification in this sentence. This sentence describe that world seems like a living thing which has a hand or something that it can use to bring something, Meanwhile the world is not a living thing which can bring something. The use of word bring here is only to beautify a sentence and to add the strong feeling of the message delivered. The meaning of the sentence is even the world shows a phenomenon he will keep in doing his activity.

Song 3: Home

Our lakes they praise the Great

Through the Mississippi valley

Our smiles they shine from sea to sea

In Him we'll all trust, be free forever

The use of the word praise here is the mark of personification since we know that lake cannot take an action like human. The meaning of the sentence is the lake is expressing the respect toward the great like a human.

Song 4: So Real

They say that love never lasts

That love never lives to see another day

But what I know deep down inside

It's what I feel and it's so real

Love is an abstract thing when it followed by the word 'see' it seems like human which has eyes, therefore this sentence is personification. The meaning of the sentence is the love will always there.

b. Metaphor**Song 3: Home**

Ain't no place like home, they say

Home is where the heart is, home is where your love is

Ain't no place like home where I'll be me, me, me, yeah!

Ain't no place like home, they say

This sentence is metaphor. In these lyrics there is a comparison between the word home with heart and home with love. The meaning of the sentence is our own home (land) is the most important and comfortable place in the world like heart and love to our body.

Song 3: Home

I've been through sunshine

Made friends with the moonlight

Traveled the ancient lands

And sailed across the seas

In the lyric there are two words that indicate as the sign of metaphor, they are friends and moonlight which make moonlight compared like his friend (human). The meaning of the sentence is moonlight is the man's partner like human, they have a good relationship.

Song 2: You're There

No matter what the world brings

And even if the birds won't sing

Better times are on their way

'Cause I know You're there

The word sing in this case make the bird compared to human which can sing while the bird only producing a sound namely chirp. The meaning of the sentence is the bird produce a beautiful sound like human.

Song 2: You're There

And even if the sun won't smile,

I know it's been a while

Since I've felt any light,

But I know You're there

The word smile is the reason of why this sentence indicates as a metaphor since that sun compared to human in the case of having smile. The meaning of the sentence is even the sun will not shine he still do his activity.

Song 5: The Path

Digging through our pages past

Wondering how the truth will last

God's in control is what I found

I think I'll try this time around!

This sentence is marked as metaphor especially indirect metaphor because of the word pages past which compared as someone's past life. The meaning of the sentence is open again the moment in the past.

Song 6: You Are The One

I prayed about this just over a million times

Who would ever thought that I could call you mine?

I just know it, 'cause you're the one

And when there's gray in our hair and we've not much to do

This is metaphor because it comparing the human process of becoming old with the word gray in hair. The meaning of the sentence is Getting old and the time has passed.

Song 2: You're There

The grass was greener on the other side

The world turns gray now, are we out of time?

And when I lie alone and stare into the dark,

I'll remember what You said as I watch the stars spark

This sentence is metaphor that marked by the word turn gray which indirectly compared with the process of time changing. The

meaning of the sentence is the man has not much time because it flies day by day.

Song 7: Freedom Ain't Free

In the face of evil, the way of danger,

yeah I will be strong

Yeah the storm clouds are coming,

and no we ain't running

The storm cloud based on the non literal meaning indirectly compared with the bad condition or danger, so this sentence can be said as metaphor. The meaning of the sentence is there is a problem or danger in front of them.

Song 7: Freedom Ain't Free

I was born a fighter

Come on let's stand together

Make the world better

Pray for sunny weather

The word sunny weather is a figurative language especially metaphor. Based on its meaning, the sunny weather metaphorically means a good or better condition. The meaning of the sentence is The hope and pray for a better live and environment.

Song 1: Call on Him

All day, I'm paving my way

Because I know, I'm not here to stay

Straight ahead, there's so much to see

And I'll be making history

In this sentence the word “paving” is a mark for a type of figurative language called Metaphor. It is not the literal meaning as man the really in process of paving a way, but the man want to prepare his way to go to the life after. The word “paving” metaphorically means the process of preparation.

c. Simile**Song 2: You're There**

The grass was greener on the other side

The world turns gray now, are we out of time?

And when I lie alone and stare into the dark,

I'll remember what You said as I watch the stars spark

This sentence categorized as simile because simile is the comparison of two things indicate by some connective; usually as, like, as or a verb such a resembling. In this lyric the word remember what you said is compared with the word watch the stars spark by using connective “as” as one of the signs of simile. The meaning of the

sentence is he will Remember and keep it in his mind, put it on his long-term memory.

d. Hyperbole

Song 6: You Are The One

I thought of this before over a million times

Who would've ever thought that it would be our time?

I just know it, 'cause you're the one

It ain't a selfish love, when I'm with you

I prayed about this just over a million times

Who would ever thought that I could call you mine?

I just know it, 'cause you're the one

And when there's gray in our hair and we've not much to do

I want to spend the rest of my days with you...

The word million times indicates this sentence as a hyperbole, because it seems to be impossible for him to count his thought and pray until over a million times. The use of the word million times here to emphasize that he already thought of that seriously. The meaning of the sentences: the man emphasizes that he already thinks and pray of his decision more than once, and shows his seriousness on that.

Song 3: Home*I've been through sunshine**Made friends with the moonlight**Traveled the ancient lands**And sailed across the seas*

The words through sunshine show the use of exaggerate statement in order to emphasize the meaning of a statement, because in our daily life we always feel the sunshine while in these lyrics the word through the sunshine seems like he passes the sunshine near to the sun. The meaning of the sentence is the man shows his pride. It seems like he is walking near to the sun and around the sunshine.

Song 3: Home*Our smiles they shine from sea to sea**In Him we'll all trust, be free forever**Home of the brave is where I'll be**From York that's all new, to the city of Angels,**God bless this land for you and me, yeah!*

It is impossible for someone to make a smile shines from sea to sea and the words shine from sea to sea is an exaggerate statement. The meaning of the sentence is their smile stuck on their lips in a long time, as the expression of their deep happiness.

Song 7: Freedom Ain't Free*If we stay silent**We'll see injustice spreading wide**When freedom calls, I'll be there****Stand by my side it's our time to fly***

The words “it is our time to fly is the reason of why this lyrics belongs to hyperbole, because as we know that human cannot fly, the word fly here represents the emphasizing of the human action after they stand together as the words “Stand by my side” before that.

e. Paradox**Song 5: The Path***It's time to think and wonder why**The stars above will always be**A shining guide for us to see****And when I doubt, I'll have no doubt*****Song 2: You're There***Good times, they never last, I wish they were around**Their time has past us now, still haven't made a sound**Some folks are dying to live, and others live to die****And somehow when I think of You I smile deep inside!***

This sentence shows the two contradictory to provoke into seeking another sense or context in which it would be true. There is the word doubt with no doubt and dying to live with live to dying that contradict to each other in a sentence, so that these two sentences are paradox. The meaning of the first sentence is the man feels that there is certainty although at the first he feels hesitate and the second sentence is some people try hard to (try the best they can, like they will die) live, and other side people live but they seems like will die.

f. Synecdoche

Song 8: Dream

Too many times I've walked through these streets

Wondering where we went wrong

Our hands alone can feel so helpless and weak

But surely with yours they'll be strong

The word hand alone is representative of a person. Hand is a part of a body but in this case it represents the whole body or we can say as the representative of the owner of that body: a person. So this lyric is said as synecdoche since it marks with the word hand which as a part of thing that represents the whole. The meaning of the sentence is people alone who want to help is helpless and weak if we compare with many people.

2. Song Lyrics Can Be Used in English Learning

a. Listening Activities

listen carefully and then they are complete the following song lyrics with correct words.

“Call On Him” (Raef)

All night I pray I might,

Wake up and(1)

Before I know it, the Sun has arrived

It greets me with its cheerful eyes

I'm thankful for this beautiful day

It feels so good to be on my way

I see the world there's.....(2),

And in His name everything's alright!

[Chorus:]

Call on him, and call on him, and call on him and say

Call on him, and call on him, and call on him and say:

Allah! The One creator of the(3)

Allah! The One who gives you all more than your worth

Allah! Just call on Him and He will hear

He's by your side, so have no fear

Allah! Who (4) when you've taken a fall?

Allah! Whose(5) will shine above all?

Allah! Just call on Him and He will hear

He's on your side, so have no fear

Answer Keys

1. feel the light
2. nothing to hide
3. heavens and Earth
4. picks you back up
5. epic mercy

b. Speaking Activities

Listen to the song and read the lyrics at the same time, and then try singing along without looking at the lyrics

“You’re There” (Raef)

Things that I've said, no they don't mean nothing at all

Time just flies by when I'm with the One I love

Even sunlight makes it through the dark, in a cold misty sky

And when I'm all alone tonight, You'll be right here...by my side

[Chorus:]

No matter what the world brings

And even if the birds won't sing

Better times are on their way

‘Cause I know You're there

And even if the sun won't smile,

I know it's been a while

Since I've felt any light,
But I know You're there

Good times, they never last, I wish they were around
Their time has past us now, still haven't made a sound
Some folks are dying to live, and others live to die
And somehow when I think of You I smile deep inside!

Students find it hard to speak English because they are shy or lack confidence. Singing with other people can help. It creates a safe space for students to practise expressing themselves aloud.

c. Reading Activities

“Home” (Raef)

I've been through sunshine
Made friends with the moonlight
Traveled the ancient lands
And sailed across the seas
I'm free when I think and fight for what's right
Ain't nobody gonna tread on me
A place I'd call mine and yours forever
This land was made for you and me, yeah!

Ain't no place like home, they say
Home is where the heart is, home is where your love is

Ain't no place like home where I'll be me, me, me, yeah!
Ain't no place like home, they say
Home is where the heart is, home is where your love is
Ain't no place like home where I'll be free, free, free, yeah!
Our lakes they praise the Great
Through the Mississippi valley
Our smiles they shine from sea to sea
In Him we'll all trust, be free forever
Home of the brave is where I'll be
From York that's all new, to the city of Angels,
God bless this land for you and me, yeah!

All I know is: Love can feel so good
When we know it brings us close to
Home-sweet-home where
Your mind can set you free... Yeah!

Now, it's time for you to practice. Read the song lyric above and answer the questions from 1-5

1. What is the title of the song above?
2. Who sings the song?
3. Where does he come from?
4. What do you think about the song?
5. What is the message of the song?

Answer Keys

1. Home
2. Raef Hagag
3. USA
4. Tells the story of the diverse races living in the US
5. ain't no place like home they say, home is where that heart is, home is where your love is.

d. Writing Activities**“So Real (Raef ft. Maher Zain)”**

They say that love never lasts

That love never lives to see another day

But what I know deep down inside

It's what I feel and it's so real

I gave it up all for You

And there ain't nothing that I won't do

All I know deep down inside

It's what I feel and it's so real with You!

[Chorus:]

Allah, everyday I'll try to be as true as I can to You

'Cause loving You the best I can

Will always be my number one and only plan

Yes everyday I'll try to be as true as I can to You

'Cause loving You the best I can

Will always be my number one and only plan

They say: "You're out of your mind"

"Don't you know that love fades away?"

They say: "It only brings you pain!"

But what I feel is so real!

I gave it up and turned to You

'Cause I know what your love can do

O Allah open up our hearts

And make us feel how it's so real with You!

The text above is provided to answer these questions. For the question in number 1 – 5 you have to write an essay

1. What is the hidden meaning behind the song?
2. How did this song make you feel?
3. What idea is the singer concerned about?
4. What is/are the most important word(s) in the song? Why?
5. What are some things that are puzzling to you about this song? Did you solve any of the puzzles? Which ones and how?