

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of Study

Literature is one of the innovative and universal meanings in communicating human emotional, religious, or intellectual worries. In this period of globalization, it has both positive and negative effects. provide good trends in science, technology, economics, education, and the arts. The improvement of high-quality arts is progressing swiftly and music or song is one of the branches of art that has a large influence on society.

Based on Mario Klarer literature is referred to as the whole written expression, with restrictions that not every written document can be categorized as literature in the sense of a more precise word.<sup>1</sup> Literature is written work but can also be spoken. in that way, people can consider writing which is more accepted as literature, some examples of literary works are novels, poetry, and speeches.

Music or song is not just about the tone and melody, but there are many messages that the singer wants to convey through the lyrics of the song that people rarely realize. Music could represent the bad or good of human feeling. It also can express their experiences, thoughts, and emotions. Besides that, a song

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<sup>1</sup>Mario Klarer, *An Introduction to Literary Studies* ( Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, Darmstadt London, 1998), 1

also invites the hearer to return to the new world or new adventure of lifestyles, when they are paying attention to the lyrics of the songs.

Also, music is part of literary work. Literary work is the art of written work. Music and others literary works are very beneficial considering that they have numerous values along with moral, religious, educational, and sociological values. Literature is additionally one of the media to show some of the meaning, considered one of them is the moral value given by the singer. Through the songs or the other literary works, the singer tries to train and supply good morals for the humans.

From the explains above the sense of moral values is related to humans belief of what is good or bad in the sense of moral behavior. Because of that, to decide which one is right or wrong it can found out in one of the fragments of song lyrics by Harris J entitled Good Life. The lyrics:

*It's about being thankful and trying to understand  
That the more I learn I want to leave it all in Your hands  
'cause I know You'll always take good of care of me  
You've given me a good life, a good life each day*

From the lyrics shows that there is a sense of moral value contained in the lyrics that describe belief and also gratitude for what God has given in God. The standard of faith is patience, struggle, and trust in Allah. Because if we are in trouble, we have to ask for directions and also believe that God will give us a way out. Every writer has lots of imagination expressed the lyrics. The message contains several ideas, such as social, satire, motivation, and education.

In this paper, the writer focuses on song lyrics as the study. Song lyrics are an art style because consist of private expression. Consequently, the song lyric as a poem and moral value. Inside the song lyrics, there are numerous moral messages to be conveyed by the songwriter himself. Moral values cannot only be received by using discussions in formal situations and books however also human beings can use songs to deliver moral messages. In some cases, it will be bored to students when they get moral values from textbooks and the advice from their teachers or parents. However, moral values can be delivered well through using music because many people use songs to express their feeling at the moment. It is able to give enjoyment, a laugh, and pleasure in teaching.

In music industry there are many bands, groups and solo singers, and one of solo singers is Harris J. Harris J is a young Muslim singer who comes from United Kingdom. He began his career in 2013 by following a singing competition in Awakening Talent Contest. At the event, he managed to become a winner. Then, he got an offer to record his debut album named "Salam". The album was released in 2015. And some of the songs on the album are Salam Alaikum, Worth It, I Promise, Good Life, and Love Who You Are.

From the discussion above, it is interesting to do a research about moral values in song lyrics. Therefore, the writer takes the title of this study is "An Analysis of Moral Values in Harris J Songs"

Moreover, in analyzing it is to apply the theory of Hermeneutics, as Schleiermacher stated cited by Keserci “Hermeneutics turned into commonly understood as strategies for understanding passages of a text that may be difficult to understand”. It way that Hermeneutics is a realistic artwork, which is utilized in things such as teaching, interpreting different languages, describing and explaining the texts, and because the basics of the artwork of understanding; an art which is required when the which means of textual content is not clear.

## **B. Focus of the Study**

The religion of Islamic about moral values was chosen through the writer to analyze the data. Moral values on this context are standards that Harris J desires to share. These standards include beliefs to decide what is right or incorrect, right or wrong, moral or immoral as stated in song lyrics. through doing this research, the writer hopes to collect information about the moral values inside the lyrics of the song Harris J.

Furthermore, the research describes about moral values in Harris J songs lyrics. To make this study more effectiveness, the research focuses and choose on five songs. Those songs are (Worth It, Good Life, Love Who You Are, Salam Alaikum, and I Promise). The writer also chooses songs which uses more English in the lyrics in order to align with them and the base of the study which must use English literature as the main object.

## **C. Research Questions**

In analyzing Moral values in Harris J's song lyrics, the problems will be centered into two questions.

1. What are the moral values found in Harris J's Songs?
2. What is the significance of Moral Values in life portrayed in the lyrics?

#### **D. Objectives of the Study**

The objectives of this research as follows:

1. To describe the moral values in Harris J's Songs.
2. To find out the significance of Moral Values in life portrayed in the lyrics.

#### **E. Significance of the Study**

The significances of the research include the following points:

The first is writer expects the result of this study can be useful to the world of literature as complement to the study of song and contribute of moral values on lyric songs Harris J. Second, broaden students' insights about values and other aspects contained in song lyrics. Third, the writer hope that the listener of Harris J songs can take the moral values and can apply it in daily life in each songs. Fourth the writer hope to defend good character in each people through the song lyrics by Harris J.

#### **F. Previous Study**

There are some previous studies related to the topic of an analysis of moral values in Harris J songs. In this section, the writer takes some previous studies as a reference that reviewed to this study.

The first previous study is “*An Analysis Of Semi Yusuf Song’s Lyric Based On Islamic Moral Values was conducted by Mohammad Mulyadin from STAIN Kediri*<sup>2</sup>.” This study was aimed to describe the moral values of Semi Yusuf’s songs. The analytical method used in this study is descriptive qualitative approach of content analysis that involved on paraphrases and songs are as main data source. The writer used content analysis to uncover the content of the Semi Yusuf songs. The data are five songs among the other songs which included in Eid song, The Cave of Hiro, You Come to Me, He Is There, and Make Me Strong. The writer found several moral values in song’s lyrics, those are: 1) Moral values that existed in “Eid song” are about thanks to God, helpful and forgive the other people. Happy receive Eid celebration. 2) Moral values that existed in “The Cave of Hiro” are about thanks to God. Invite people to do something well as an expression of our gratitude to God. The more grateful we are the God will increase the pleasure that he has been given. 3) Moral values that existed in “You Come to Me” are about optimist, and faithful. Today, living in everyday life reserve the optimism. It is not easy to give up and despair. Optimistic can lead us to be successful. Better life on faith and trust. 4) Moral values that existed in “He Is There” are about optimist, “tawakal”. Optimistic soul is great positive thinking. 5) Moral values that existed in “Make Me Strong” are about patient, strong and optimist. The patient is soul which is

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<sup>2</sup>Mohammad Mulyidin, *An Analysis Of Semi Yusuf Song’s Lyric Based On Islamic Moral Values*(STAIN Kediri, 2016)

owned by the patient person. A patient person is a person who faces life with the soul of patience.

The second previous study, entitled “*An Analysis Of Indonesian Moral Values Found In The Song Lyrics Forgive Me Album By Maher Zain* was conducted by Lutfy Wajar Hidayah from Ahmad Dahlan University.”<sup>3</sup>” moral values are accepted preferred living principles. This relates to the principles of right and wrong behavior and good or bad human person. moral values are subsets of all values, and values consist simplest of those matters that a few people value. The objectives of this study are as follows (1) to decide the moral values of the Indonesian language in the album lyrics of Maher Zain's songs, (2) to find out the varieties of moral values inside the albums of Maher Zain's song lyrics, and (3) to find out the moral values that most often contained within the album lyrics of the track Maher Zain. The problem of this research is song lyrics that remember and include moral values. This research is a qualitative descriptive study because this study goals to create a scientific, factual, correct description of the moral values in the song lyrics of the album forgive me. The results of this analysis display eleven moral values found in the album Forgive Me from Maher Zain's songs. The similarity among Indonesian moral values and the moral values contained in Maher Zain's songs, and the moral values which can be most often located within the album forgive me through Maher Zain's songs. There are 11 moral values located in Maher Zain's Sorry album via

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<sup>3</sup> Lutfy Fajar Hidayah, *An Analysis Of Indonesian Moral Values Found In The Song Lyrics Forgive Me Album By Maher Zain* (Universitas Ahmad Dahlan, Yogyakarta 2017)

Maher Zain. There is religiosity, love of compassion, loyalty, sincerity, gratitude, fortitude, humility, love of peace, brotherhood, respect for others, and optimism. Indonesian moral values contained inside the album's lyrics are religiosity, communicate, and love of peace. And the ethical values which are most usually found in song lyrics albums are religiosity, love, and loyalty.

The third previous study was conducted by “R.A Amiruddin Tjitraprawira from Kamjuruhan University of Malang in the journal entitled *An Analysis of Moral and Educational Values on Madura Folk Songs*.<sup>4</sup>” At this moment traditional songs were not paid attention so that nearly the traditional song is not well known by young generations. The position of traditional songs was lost with technology. If there may be no conservation and appreciation for traditional songs specially Madura conventional songs, so the conventional song may be lost in the future so the writer tries to investigate of ethical and educational values of Madura folk songs. The discussion on this thesis the author tried to check the pedagogical values mainly in regards to the morality contained in the lyrics of the Madura people track. the author best took eight songs contained in a ebook of poetry titled Madura folk songs "set song Madura areas" in 2003 via the author R. Amirudin Tjitraprawira. The objective of this look at was to realize the moral value found in Madura folks songs, to realize how the meaning of Madurese life that's contained in the Madura song lyric, to know the message that may be delivered to the reader of Madura folk song using

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<sup>4</sup> Amiruddin Tjitraprawira, *An Analysis of Moral and Educational Values on Madura Folk Songs* (Kanjuruhan University of Malang, 2015)



R.Amiruddin Tjitraprawira. The researcher makes use of the descriptive qualitative approach in finding moral and academic values. The research method is used by the researcher itself because for evaluation the statistics use an interpretation of own phrases. The information is taken from 8 titles from Madura songs. The researcher chooses this identify because it carries the high valuable meaning related to Madura's every day activities which are designed within the Madurese language. Eventually, this take a look at makes use of semantic because the base principle related to ethical and academic values. Consequently, the researcher suggests to the next researcher who wishes regarding with the same topic to analyze moral and educational values ought to be interest the idea which accordance with the studies object itself and search for references that may be located in journals, newspaper, and books, and many others.

From the previous study above, the similarity of this study is analyzed moral values on songs. The differences are the first previous study is discussion focuses on the values contained in religious values on Semi Yusuf Song's, the second previous study is discussion focuses on the religion, love affection and loyalty in the song lyrics Forgive Me of Maher Zain, The third previous study is focuses on the of the values contained in the traditional Madura culture values. While this study focused on surface structure meaning of moral values and the significance of moral values in life portrayed contained in the songs of Harris J's.

## **G. The Organization of the Writing**

This paper is arranged into five chapters, every chapter has some points to explain the chapter.

Chapter I introduction, it contains the background of the study, the problem of study, objective of the study, the significant of study, scope and limitation, previous study and the organization of writing.

Chapter II is Theoretical Review, this chapter consists of the theorist from some experts we have conducted the research related to this research.

Chapter III Research methodology, it contained method of the research, the site and time of study, participant and sample, the technique of data collecting, and the technique of data analysis.

Chapter IV Finding and Discussion, it contained the analysis moral values and the significance of moral values portrayed in the lyrics.

Chapter V Closing, it contained the conclusion and suggestions.