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Symbolic meaning on the poem of *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud (Daffodils)*

By William Wordsworth's

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ABSTRACT

This research is an analysis of a poem written by William Wordsworth. The writer analyses the Wordsworth's poem titled *I Wandered Lonely As a Cloud (Daffodils)* to reveal the denotation and connotation as the symbolic meaning. To analyze it the writer uses qualitative-descriptive method to reveal the data.

The writer also uses Roland Barthes theory to analyze the symbolic meaning on Wordsworth's poem. Research finding on this analysis is that the poem of *Daffodils* mostly uses the naturalistic symbol so that the writer concludes that the poem has full of message of the beauty and powerful of the universe. Wordsworth wants us to know his feeling through all these naturalistic symbols.

INTRODUCTION

People will interpret the word or language based on their reference they had before. The word or language even can express of something on a meaning so that people will try to understand and comprehend the word and language each other in any way. The word seems so simple to pronounce but often difficult to understand. Some people will produce their word in different way to create a literary work. One of the ways to express the literary work through the word and

language is creating Poem. Hudson in Aminuddin (1987) reveals that a poem or poetry is one of literary work which expresses the words through the illusion and imagination created by the writer. This created solely to someone who wants to express his or her feeling to others. Many thinks will occur to interpret what is existed explicitly and implicitly on a Poem. People sometimes need a cozy place to explore their mind on creating a hidden-amazing word to decide writing a Poem. When someone has desired to express the feeling on writing a Poem means this person needs variance of hidden-beautiful word to write.

Furthermore, based on the meaning of the word or sentence it may be divided into two types of meaning they are denotation and connotation. Denotation means the word, phrase, or sentence that has actual meaning (truly based on the fact and strict to the point) while the connotation has a lot of meaning that mean out of the actual meaning (has a lot of interpretation). Moreover, the meaning will occur based on the concept of symbol where it almost exclusively applied on speaking, utterances, inscriptions, or other culturally generated meaningful and representational purposes (Deacon, W.Terrence: 2011). It means symbol creates meaning and meaning will be interpreted based on the concept of the symbol itself.

William Wordsworth's is an English man who concern on poetic language on his literary work formed into a Poem. At the end of the 18th century, he helped and found the Romantic Movement in English literature. And he also wrote his monumental poem titled "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud (Daffodils)." Therefore, the writer is very interested to analyze the poem written by him to reveal the meaning and symbolic code on it. On his poem has a lot of thing to reveal whether the symbols and meaning. His poem looks so different with others despite many things to be commented as constructive criticism.

RESEARCH METHOD

In this research the writer uses qualitative-descriptive method to reveal the analysis of the poem of William Wordsworth titled *I Wandered Lonely As a Cloud (Daffodils)*. Furthermore, the writer uses library research to conduct the analysis through some books, Journal, Websites, and articles. Afterwards, the writer will use Roland Barthes (2017) theory that concludes about denotation and connotation meaning only.

DISCUSSION

To reveal the symbolic meaning on William Wordsworth's poem the writer uses the concept of symbols belonging to Barthes. Roland Barthes (2007) divides the signifiers into denotative which the meaning refers to the dictionary or lexical meaning, including Signifier, Signify, and Sign. The denotative region becomes the linguistic level because it is straightforward, objective and what it is, that is, as the primary model of language. While the meaning of connotation is the meaning associated to the implicit meaning, hidden and deep meaning based on the interaction with signifier, signify, sign, emotions, and cultural values. Based on the concept of Barthes, William Wordsworth's poem titled *I Wandered Lonely As a Cloud (Daffodils)* has two symbolic meaning of Barthes' theory they are the denotation explicitly and the connotation that implicitly existed on its poem. Furthermore, the symbol of Wordsworth's poem seems like a shift of symbolic meaning between denotation and connotation as a literary work.

Here are some analyses that reveal on the Wordsworth's poem:

| Denotation | Connotation |
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| Daffodils: The earliest flower to bloom in the spring. | Daffodils: Re-birth, Inspiration, Reflection, Forgiveness, Hope. |

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| <p>Cloud :</p> <p>A visible mass of condensed water vapor floating in the atmosphere, typically high above the ground.</p> | <p>Cloud :</p> <p>He wants to live freely and lonely moving up everywhere without obstacle.</p> |
| <p>Vales and Hill:</p> <p><i>Vale</i> used in place names or as a poetic term while <i>Hill</i> is a naturally raised area of land, not as high or craggy as a mountain.</p> | <p>Vales and Hills:</p> <p>Flying up over them. Living over up the beautiful places.</p> |
| <p>Golden Daffodils:</p> <p>A bulbous plant that typically bears bright yellow flowers with a long trumpet-shaped center (corona).</p> | <p>Golden Daffodils:</p> <p>Beauty of the flower that energizing his life. He wants that his life will have more meaning and full of joy.</p> |
| <p>Lake:</p> <p>A large body of water surrounded by land.</p> | <p>Lake:</p> <p>Living with full of values and loveliness.</p> |
| <p>Tree:</p> <p>A woody perennial plant, typically having a single stem or trunk growing to a considerable height and bearing lateral branches at some distance from the ground.</p> | <p>Tree:</p> <p>Living with calm without any noise and also symbolizing of harmony.</p> |
| <p>Star:</p> <p>A fixed luminous point the night sky that is a large, remote incandescent body like the sun.</p> | <p>Star:</p> <p>Continuity of life and always useful for others somehow you seems like invisible.</p> |
| <p>Bay:</p> <p>A broad inlet of the sea where the land curves inward.</p> | <p>Bay:</p> <p>Wisdom, Victory, Never give up.</p> |
| <p>Wave:</p> <p>A long body of water curling into an arched form and breaking on the shore.</p> | <p>Wave:</p> <p>Good relationship, Strong and Powerful.</p> |
| <p>Milky way:</p> | <p>Milky way:</p> |

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| A faint band of light crossing the sky, made up of vast numbers of faint stars. It corresponds to the plane of our Galaxy, in which most of its stars are located. | Represent an idea and infinity of long life. |
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Daffodils is the keyword of Wordsworth's poem. Seems he wants to explain his feeling through Daffodils. Daffodils is the trigger of expression of his feeling only to create his poem. He tries to write his poem uses some symbolic words especially that is related to the nature such as cloud, vales, hills, stars, bay, waves, and milky way. These things are the concept of natural symbols that has meaning the beauty and power of universe.

CONCLUSION

William Wordsworth seems like to show us that nature has its own beauty and power to raise the motivation of our life. He tries to represent any naturalistic symbol on his poem. The daffodils flower's message is uplifting and energizing, making it perfect flower to celebrate new beginning or simply express your desire to revive an old relationship. It is appropriate for a housewarming, birth or simply to celebrate the coming of spring. The word's choice by Wordsworth has described some symbols of happiness, sadness, and hope. Many symbols of nature occur on his poem that also represent of his amazement on the creation of God. Wordsworth seems to elaborate and relate his poem to something that is lying on earth and flying out of earth. All these things create his strong character as a poet despite many things to be criticized.

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