

## DISCOURSE ANALYSIS OF “TITANIC” MOVIE THEME SONG

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### **Abstract**

*The researcher made this paper based on my discourse analysis to the song “My Heart Will Go On” as the theme of Titanic. It was interesting to analyze this song because the researcher really like the movie (Titanic) of which this song’s as the theme. The objective of this research was to know what the main idea or information from this song whether it is appropriate with the story of this movie or not. It was a descriptive qualitative method and it used the semantic approach to analyze the song lyrics. In order the researcher can understand the meaning of the song easily, first, translating the song lyrics into Indonesian, then trying to understand the meaning of each word in this song, next, analyzing the social and cultural context of the song. The researcher also tried to give a personal response to the song based on opinion to the movie generally and to the song specifically. It is a good song. This song is really about true love. The Titanic movie gave people a stereotype every time listened to this song they would imagine that the song is from Rose for Jack, her true love. The content of this song is all about love. Love did not disappear although one of them was died. They would meet and see each other in her dream every night. It seems to be impossible, but it shows us what a powerful the true love is. “My Heart Will Go On” tells us the different point of view. In this song, true love can not disappear, it’s forever in her heart.*

**Keywords:** *discourse analysis, song, titanic*

### **Abstrak**

*Penelitian ini disusun berdasarkan analisis wacana peneliti terhadap lagu “My Heart Will Go On” sebagai tema Titanic. Lagu ini menarik untuk dianalisa karena peneliti sangat menyukai film (Titanic) yang mengangkat tema lagu ini. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mengetahui ide pokok atau informasi dari lagu ini apakah sesuai dengan cerita film ini atau tidak. Metode penelitian ini adalah deskriptif kualitatif dan menggunakan pendekatan semantik untuk menganalisis lirik lagu. Agar peneliti dapat memahami makna lagu dengan mudah terdapat beberapa tahapan yang dilakukan, pertama, menerjemahkan lirik lagu ke dalam bahasa Indonesia, kemudian mencoba memahami arti setiap kata dalam lagu ini, selanjutnya menganalisis konteks sosial dan budaya lagu tersebut. Peneliti juga mencoba memberikan tanggapan pribadi terhadap lagu tersebut berdasarkan opini terhadap film secara umum dan lagu secara khusus. Lagu ini benar-benar tentang cinta sejati. Film Titanic memberi orang stereotip setiap kali mendengarkan lagu ini mereka akan membayangkan bahwa lagu itu dari Rose untuk Jack, cinta sejatinya. Isi dari lagu ini adalah tentang cinta. Cinta tidak hilang meski salah satunya meninggal. Mereka akan bertemu dan melihat satu sama lain dalam mimpinya setiap malam. Tampaknya tidak mungkin, tetapi itu menunjukkan kepada kita betapa kuatnya cinta sejati. Lagu “My Heart Will Go On” memberi tahu kita sudut pandang yang berbeda. Dalam lagu ini, cinta sejati tidak bisa hilang, ada selamanya di hatinya.*

**Keywords:** *analisis wacana, lagu, titanic*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

People use language to express their mind, whises and ideas. Language is a means of communication to share ideas with others. Language is not only used for daily conversation but also used in education, research and science both spoken and written. Considering those functions of language, people study language both formal or in class and informal or outside the class. Many linguists have attempted the definitions of language. Wibowo (2001:3) defines language is a system of symbols that are meaningful and articulate sound or tool, which are arbitrary and conventional and used as a means of communicating by a group of human beings to give birth to feelings and thoughts. According to Chomsky, language is a natural object, a component of the human mind, physically represented in the brain and part of the biological endowment of the species (Chomsky, 2002: 1).

Every country has a national language, within the international relationship among other countries in the world, it needs an international language that is used to communicate, and English is used as an international language. English is an important means of communication. That is why it is very important for us as members of the world society to learn English. So we are expected to be able to communicate in English well, since nowadays we live in the globalisation era in which the English is often used as means of communication. Communication is a process of transferring information from one entity to another. Communication processes are interactions between at least two agents. Communication is commonly defined as "the imparting or interchange of thoughts, opinions, or information by speech, writing, or signs". All forms of communication require a sender, a message, and an intended recipient, however the receiver need not be present or aware of the sender's intent to communicate at the time of communication in order for the act of communication to occur. Communication requires that all parties have an area of communicative commonality. There are auditory means, such as speech, song, and tone of voice. Discourse is one of important aspects which should be considered to make the communication more clear and fluent so there is no misunderstanding between interlocutors. And discourse needs to be analyzed deeply in order we can catch more information from those texts. It will make the communication better.

## 2. METHODOLOGY

The method of data analysis in this research was qualitative descriptive method. According to Creswell (2009:3) research design is plans and the procedures for research to detailed methods of data collection and analysis. The function of a research design is to

ensure that the evidence obtain enables us to answer the initial question as unambiguously as possible. In this research, the writer used qualitative approach because this study focuses on the analysis or interpretation of the written material in context. Materials can include textbooks, newspapers, magazines, papers, films, manuscripts, articles, etc. Ary (2010:424) states that the qualitative inquirer deals with data that are in the form of words or pictures rather than numbers and statistics. According to Moeloeng (2009), the analysis in qualitative research, concern in understanding the result of found data rather than calculate the result of found data. In doing this analysis, the researcher used the semantic approach. The researcher tried to analyze the meaning of each word in the lyrics so that he can catch the main idea or information of this song. Firstly, he tried to translate this song lyrics into Indonesian, then he analyze the context of social un culture of this song. Finally, the researcher drew a conclusion after analizing all of those aspects.

### **3. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS**

As we know that discourse analysis is about how texts (song) relate to contexts of situation and context of culture. And discourse analysis is also defined as:

- a. concerned with language use beyond the boundaries of a sentence / utterance.
- b. concerned with the interrelationships between language and society, and
- c. as concerned with the interactive or dialogic properties of everyday communication.

Context of situation itself consists of three elements, they are:

- a. subject matter (field)

In this paper I did a discourse analysis especially analyzing a song “ My Heart Will Go on” as a theme of Titanic sung by Celine Dion. This song tells about the true love between the two adult persons, in Titanic those persons are Jack Dawson and Rose. As far as I know, this song represents the a woman’s feeling to a man who is really loved by her. Although the man (Jack) was died, the woman (Rose) still loved him so much. She feels that he always accompany her every night. He always comes to her dream. They meet in a dream every night. It makes her think that their love will go on. The true love has a power which can change everything in this world. He always comes to her dream to show that he will go on. May be it seems to be impossible to see a person who was died every night, but this song tells us a different thing. In this song, she (Rose) expresses what an imporatnt he (jack) is in her life. Their love acrosses the distance and spaces between them. I agree if there is someone who says that love is blind or love comes suddently, we don’t know when and where this love comes to our hearts. It is also felt by them (Rose and Jack), they don’t know when exactly love will makes her meets him and

also separates them. They prove that love does not disappear although one of them was died. In short, I can say that the topic of this song is really about the true love between the two adult persons which across the distance and spaces.

b. participants involved (tenor)

I have explained above about topic of this song, and it is about the true love between the two adult persons (Rose and Jack). This song represents a woman's feeling to a man who is really loved by her. It tells us how deeply they loved each other although one of them was died. The singer (Celine Dion) wants the listeners (society) to be able to catch the main idea of this song. She wants us to know that love does not disappear easily when a person who is really loved was died. It will go on acrosses the distance and spaces.

c. channel (mode)

As we know that song is enjoyed by who listens to this. It can be said that this song is spoken text, although we sometimes see the lyric in written form to be able to understand the meaning of this song. Context of culture consists of some basic elements like every culture produces text types, a text type is a genre, two general purposes : transactional and interpersonal, interpersonal : for different purposes of communication, transactional : to get something done. If we talked about the Titanic movie, we must understand that the background of this movie is Western culture. It can be seen by the setting and the language which is used in the movie. The song of "My Heart Will Go On" as the theme of this movie is very appropriate if we talk about the main topic of the movie, that's about true love. We can say that the song tells us about a woman's feeling to a man who is really loved by her. She expresses her feeling freely like in Western culture. It is different from Eastern culture where a woman is ashamed to say what she feels to a man freely. It is very unusual in this culture. But it is usual for Western culture. When we sing or read this song lyric, I can understand that she often puts the words "go on" at the end of the line of the lyric. The song consists of a lot of figure of speech, especially hyperbole. It is used to express the meaning of love as the topic of this song to be more meaningful and makes every person who listen to this song feels like what she feels.

#### **4. CONCLUSIONS**

After analyzing the song of ' My Heart Will Go On' as a theme of Titanic sung by Celine Dion, the researcher can draw a conclusion that this song is really about love, especially about true love between the two adult persons who will go on across the distance and spaces between them. It is a good song based on the analysis to the meaning of each word in this song. This is the famous song from Titanic. Titanic was a movie

reproduced many times, but the researcher believed this song caused the movie (1997) to stand out of the many ones. He really likes this song, perhaps due to the sweet yet sad tune of the song, especially love the chorus part "Near, far, wherever you are, he believes that the heart does go on. Once more you open the door and you're here in my heart, and my heart will go on and on." The researcher feels that the song reaches a climax at this point and it describes the strong determination and deep love between the two lovers.

This song has a very deep meaning if we understand the meaning of the whole lyrics. She expresses her feeling, her happiness to be able seeing her love, in her dream. True love may be important for the two persons who love each other, but it should not make their lives end when one of those persons was died. Love suddenly comes and then disappears. It has been the law of nature in this world. She should open her heart once again for another man although it is very difficult to begin something new but it must be tried in order her life can be more meaningful. Her true love is still in her heart. But, she should try to find a new true love for her life.

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