IMAGERY ANALYSIS ON EMILY DICKINSON’S POETRY

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Abstract
This research was conducted to figure out the imagery and its meanings in the five poetry of Emily Dickinson. This research was regarded on a descriptive-qualitative study. The researcher applied documentation technique in collecting the data. In data analysis, psychoanalytic approach by Kristeva was used. The results of the research showed that there were sixty-two types of imagery found in the five poetry of Emily Dickinson, for instance; fifty-one visual, one auditory, one olfactory, three tactile, one organic and five kinesthetics. In addition, the five poetry of Emily Dickinson had something to do with the themes and meanings of humans’ lives and their relationship with their God that symbolized and illustrated by things, and personally regarded on the reflections of Emily Dickinson’s life.

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Introduction
Language is a means of communication for mankind. It is regarded on both spoken and written forms, which is used to deliver messages, ideas, information, and feeling. It also enables people to communicate with their society. Fromkin, Rodman & Hyams, (2003) define language as an expression of human beings’ lives that it hardly seems crucial to define it. Whatever else people may do, when they come together, whether they play, fight, make love, or make automobiles, they talk and use a language. As we are going to analyze a language, it will be much better to begin by defining what a marvelous attribute language is- and a language refers to (p. 3).

Richards, Schmidt, Kendricks & Kim (2002), also state that a language is the system of human communication which consists of the structural arrangement of sounds (their written representation) into large units, e.g. morphemes, words, sentences, utterances, etc.”(p. 283). It means that language is a tool or an instrument of communication, is arranged into parts structurally.

According to Brown (2007), a language into some categories, such as a set of arbitrary symbol, symbols of primarily vocal but may also be visual, having conventionalized meanings to which they refer, being used for communication, operating in a speech community or culture, being essentially human although possibly not limited to humans, and being acquired by all people in much the way; language and language learning both have universal characteristics, including such systems of phonemes, morphemes, phrases, clauses and context (discourse). (p.6)

In addition, a language has something to do with literature which is used as a tool to build up a correlation with other aspects of language. Literature is one of interesting human’s works of arts created in written language, such as poetry, prose, and drama that have an element of entertainment and give some contribution to daily life. Hornby, (2010) defines literature as the writing or the study of books, valued as works of arts (drama, fiction, essays, poetry, biography), contrasted with technical books and journalism. (p.572)

On the other side, Quinn (2006) states that literature is usually understood to refer to “creative” works it of literature, for example the essays of Michel de Montaigne and Francis Bacon, biographies such as James Boswell’s Life of Johnson, histories such as Henry Adams’s Mont-Saint-Michel and Chartres, and diaries such
of human beings’ lives in the world, (p. 93).
In brief, literature is such pieces of literary writings which bring artistic meaningful messages that rely on human passion of life. Moreover, Robert & Jacob (1982) say that literature is one of the interesting humans’ works in term of art in written language. Robert & Jacob (1982) further say:

Literature can increase our personality and intelectuality; it serves based on our knowledge and interesting goals; it makes us know the other cultures; philosophy and religious world where was as a part of it. It is possible for us to identify human’s ideas and competition in different places and times which we have never been known.

In this case, by reading and understanding the stanza of the poetry, the readers can improve their personal language performance and language competence that bear on other cultures. On the other side, Wellek& Warren (1977) identify literature as a work of human beings resulted by their art creativities, and it has purpose of enjoyment or entertainment.

Like other experts, Abrams &Harpham (2009) state that literature (from the Latin litteraturae, “writings”): Literature has been commonly used since the eighteenth century, equivalently with the French belles lettres (“fine letters”), to designate fictional and imaginative writings—poetry, prose fiction, and drama (pp. 177-178)

In this context, literature has been known since many years ago and written in terms of fiction and non fiction, like poetry and so on. In conclusion, the researcher presumes that literature is such a mankind literary creation in terms of fiction and non fiction which parses the feeling and emotion and reflects the author’s personal condition related to humans’ lives, and carries some moral messages explicitly and implicitly stated.

Concept of Poetry
Baldick (2001) states that poetry is language sung, chanted, spoken, or written
based on some pattern of recurrence that emphasizes the relationships between words on the basis of sound as well as sense: this pattern is almost always a rhythm or "metre, which may be supplemented by rhyme or alliteration or both. (p. 198). While Mikics (2007) states that poetry is from greek *poiein*, to make, the poet is traditionally seen as a maker, compared at times and originally meant imaginative literature in general. (pp. 237-238)

It can be inferred that poetry is a language harmony which is read words based pattern with rhythm and tempo. Cuddon (2013), poetry is something made, created. thus, a work of art, a composition, a work of verse, which may be in rhyme or may be blank verse or a combination of the two. Or it may depend on having a fixed number of syllables. (p. 559).

Cuddon (2013), further states:
In the final analysis what makes a poem different from any other kind of composition is a species of magic, the secret to which lies in the way the words lean upon each other, are linked and interlocked in sense and rhythm, and thus elicit from each other's syllables a kind of tune whose beat and melody varies subtly and which is different from that of prose, 'the other harmony'. (p. 559)

In this research, the researcher thinks that poetry or some people realize it as a poem, is such a literary work in the form of composition that can be interpreted as it is stated elicitly with beat and melody around.

**Concept of Imagery**

Perrine and Thomas, (in Damanhuri, 2011), state that imagery usually called as a mental picture in a poem, where the readers can experience what the poem says, essentially the true meaning of a poem lies in the total effect that it has upon the readers, (pp. 9-14). Perrine and Thomas, (in Damanhuri, 2011) further classify imagery into seven types, as follows:

1) **Visual**

Visual imagery is such an imagery which relates to the visual imagination and it is a kind of imagery that appears mostly in the poem because almost words represented in the poem are basically seeable. For instances: “Continuous as the stars that shine”, “And twinkle in the Milky Way”

2) **Auditory**

Auditory imagery is like an imagery which relates to the auditory that represent sounds, like words “buzzling”, tinkling, chiming, and others related to the sound. For instances:“Hear the sledges with the bells”, “How they are tinkle, tinkle, tinkle”.

3) **Tactile**

Tactile imagery is viewed as an imagery which relates to tactile sense, like cold and warm. It has something to do with temperature like heat and cold or our touch sense. For instances:“A dungeon horrible on all side round”, “As one great furnace flamed”.

4) **Olfactory**

Olfactory imagery is confessed as an imagery that relates to olfactory or smelling sense, like “fragrant”, unpleasant smell and others related to aroma. For instances:“The buzz saw snarled and rattled in the yard” ,”Sweet scented stuff when the breeze drew across it”.

5) **Gustatory**

Gustatory imagery is considered as an imagery that relates to the taste such as sweet and briny and others relate to the flavor. (i.e. she is as sweet as red apple), the word “apple” represent sweet taste to our imagination. For instances:”She is as sweet as red apples”, “Night glow touched the heart inside”.

6) **Organic**

Organic imagery is known as an imagery that relates to internal sensation of human body, such hunger, thirst, pain, etc. For instances:“Where gat ye your dinner, Lord Randal my son?” ,”For I’m weary for hunting and fain wald lie down”.
7) **Kinesthetics**

Kinesthetic imagery is called as an imagery which conveys a sense of movement, or tension in the muscles or joints. Like in the haunted house, can be studied how the poet describes the kinesthetic imagery. (i.e. the black bats tumble and dart) which impresses us about it sense of movement or tension in the muscles or joint of ours. For instances: “Hanging on the ceiling waiting for preys”, “The black bats tumble and dart”.

**Biography of Emily Dickinson**

Emily Dickinson was born on 10th December, 1830, in the town of Amherst, Massachusetts. Amherst, 50 miles from Boston, had become well known as a centre for Education, based around Amherst College. Her family were pillars of the local community; their house known as “The Homestead” or “Mansion” was often used as a meeting place for distinguished visitors including, Ralph Waldo Emerson. (although it unlikely he met with Emily Dickinson). (Tejvan, 2006)

Emily was a bright conscientious student. At Mount Holyoke Female Seminary in South Hadley, she was able to study a range of subjects from Latin to English Literature. However, her studies were often interrupted by ill health. After a persistent cough developed, her father decided to remove her from college and bring her back home. Thus she left without any formal qualifications, but she had at least been able to broaden her education and vocabulary. (Tejvan, 2006)

However, the poetry of Emily Dickinson was often deliberately vague. The object of her devotion may have been no person in particular, but some unknown aspect of the divine. Emily Dickinson died at the age of 55 from Bright’s disease, which is caused by kidney degeneration. Her doctor suggested that the accumulation of stress throughout her life contributed to her premature death. (Tejvan, 2006)

**Method of Research**

The researcher used a descriptive research method and the data in this study were described descriptively based on the facts. Donald (2010) descriptive method is used to describe events as they naturally occur, (p. 440). Tavakoli (2012) further states:

A descriptive method in descriptive research is to describe, compare, contrast, classify, analyze, and interpret the entities and the events that constitute their various fields of inquiry. It is concerned with conditions or relationships that exist; practices that prevail; beliefs, points of views, or attitudes that are held; processes that are going on; effects that are being felt; or trends that are developing. At times, descriptive research is concerned with how what is or what exists is related to some preceding event that has influenced or affected a present condition or event. (p. 160)

In this case, the researcher conducted the research and collected the data and information from many references. Indeed, this research was considered as a library research. Consequently, it illustrated the description and interpretation of the indication in literature components, especially poetry. The descriptions were oriented on describing the types and the meanings of imagery in the five poetry of Emily Dickinson.

In addition, the researcher analyzed the data of the five poetry of Emily Dickinson through psychoanalytic approach theorized by Kristeva (1984), a theory of analyzing a poetic language of poems which sustain imagery or symbol. Kristeva (1984) further deciphered:

Psychoanalytic approach is an approach related to a privileged discourse, able to function as a critical and criteriological tool by
which other discourses, including linguistics, can be examined derived from Lacan’s integration of Freudian psychoanalysis of infantile development and linguistic functioning in terms of its relation to poetic language will be studied. (p. 8)

In practice, psychoanalytic approach is such a poetic or poems approach or technique used to analyze poetry, particularly in finding out such figurative languages (i.e. imageryandsymbolism). In keeping with the theory stated, there were some procedures that could be applied in analyzing the data, as follows:

a. Collecting the data;
b. Identifying the data;
c. Classifying and categorizing the data;
d. Interpreting the data;
e. Drawing conclusions, and make a research report.

Results

Because I Could Not Stop for Death

Because I could not stop for the Death
He kindly stopped for me
The Carriage held but just Ourselves
And Immortality
We slowly drove – He knew no haste
And I had put away
My labor and my leisure too,
For His Civility
We passed the School, where Children strove
At Recess in the Ring
We passed the Fields of Gazing Grain
We passed the Setting Sun
The Dews drew quivering and chill
For only Gossamer, my Gown
My Tippet – only Tulle
We paused before a House that seemed
A swelling of the Ground
The Roof was scarcely visible
The Cornice – in the Ground
Since then – ‘tis Centuries and yet
Feels shorter than the Day
I first surmised the Horses’ Heads
Were toward Eternit

The results of the research showed that there were sixty-two imagery in the five poetry of Emily Dickinson. The imagery had a line with visual, auditory, olfactory, tactile, organic and kinesthetic. To be detailed, Table 1 illustrated.

Table 1. Types of Imagery found in the Five Poetry Emily Dickinson

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<th>Types of Imagery</th>
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*The Imagery are symbolized by bold and italic characters

From Table 1, it was known that there were fifty-one visual imagery, one auditory imagery, one olfactory imagery, three tactile imagery, one organic imagery and five kinesthetic imagery and to make the results of the research clear, the researcher illustrated the analysis of the five poetry of Emily Dickinson as follows:
From the poetry, there were seventeen visual imagery, one kinesthetic imagery, and two tactile imagery. These imagery had something to do with man in his attempt to reach God, God’s attribute. Destination, and God’s quenches. In addition, this poetry describes a theme of perpetual life of mortality and immortality of calm death.

A Narrow Fellow in the Grass

A narrow Fellow in the Grass (VI)
Occasionally rides (VI)
You may have met Him – did you not (VI)
His notice sudden is-
The Grass divides as with a Comb (VI) (VI)
A spotted shaft is seen (VI)
And then it closes at your feet (VI) (KI)
And open further on (VI)
He likes a Boggy Acre (VI)
A floor too cool for Corn (VI) (TI) (VI)
Yet when a Boy, and Barefoot (VI)
I more than once at Noon (VI)
Have passed, I thought, a Whip lash (KI)
Unbraiding in the Sun (VI)
When stopping to secure it (VI)
It wrinkled, and was gone (AI)
Several of Nature’s People (VI)
I know, they know me (VI)
I feel for them a transport (VI)
Of cordiality (VI)
But never met his Fellow (VI)
Attended, or alone (VI)
Without a tighter breathing (OI)
And Zero at the Bone (VI)

Further in Summer than the Birds

Further in Summer than the Birds (VI)
Pathetic from the Grass (VI)
A minor Nation celebrates (VI)
Its unobtrusive Mass (VI)
No Ordinance be seen (VI)
So gradual the Grace (VI)
A pensive Custom it becomes (VI)
Enlarging Loneliness.
Antiquest felt a Noon (TI)
When August burning low (TI)
Arise this spectral Canticle
Repose to typify
Remit as yet no Grace
No Furrow on the Glow
Yet a Druidic Difference
Enhances Nature now

From the poetry, there were six visual imagery, and one kinesthetic imagery. These imagery had something to do with aspiration to eternal, transitoriness of happiness, and purgation. Additionally, this poetry discribes on the year going down to death of humans.

Tell All the Truth but Tell It Slant

Tell all the Truth but tell it slant
Success in Circuit lies
Too bright for our infirm Delight
The Truth’s superb surprise
As Lightning to the Children eased
With explaining kind
The Truth must dazzle gradually
Or every man be blind

From the poetry, there were six visual imagery. These imagery had something to do with struggle for spiritual improvement, and God’s attribute.

A Route of Evanescene

A Route of Evanescene
With a revolving Wheel
A Resonance of Emerald
A Rush of Cochineals
And every Blossom on the Blush
Adjusts its trumbled Head
The mail from Tunis, probably,
An easy Morning’s Ride

From the poetry, there were five visual imagery, one kinesthetics and oneolfactory imagery. These imagery had something to do with mystic journey, danger and fear through journeyand transitoriness of happiness. Additionally, this poetry discribes the future fate of humans.

Conclusion and Suggestion

In this research, the researcher took aglean from of the five poetry of Emily Dickinsonhad something to do with human beings’ lives and their God. Theseresults of the researchshowed that there were sixty-twoimagery in relation to fifty-one visual imagery, one auditory imagery, one olfactory imagery, three tactile imagery, one organic imagery and five kinesthetics imagery. The poetry mostly describe humans’ lives and their relationship with their God. In addition, the reseracher illustrated some suggestions to the following parties, as follows:

1) Teachers of English

It is suggested that teachers of English get accustomed and familiar with literary works, such as poetry, play drama and others. They also need to ask the students to learn and understand such a poetry as well as perform reading it before the class to set up their individual literary reliance within the language learning.
2) Students of English

It is suggested that students of English get used to learning literary works, particularly a poetry. They should understand every stanza they read and it is much better if they can analyze it as a contribution for literary appreciation.

3) Other Researchers

It is suggested that other researchers feel like to conduct an ongoing deep research or a quest in accordance with literature, specially in a poetry which has something to do with this research topic in order to make a better one.

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