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## Analysis of Figurative Language in the Album *Eternal Sunshine* by Ariana Grande

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### Abstrak

*Dalam bahasa Inggris ada banyak bahasa kiasan yang tidak dimengerti oleh banyak orang. Bahasa kiasan adalah cara untuk mengekspresikan sesuatu dengan cara yang tidak biasa. Penelitian ini berfokus pada album "Eternal Sunshine" oleh Ariana Grande. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menemukan bahasa kiasan yang digunakan dalam album Eternal Sunshine dan menemukan maknanya. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode deskriptif kualitatif dengan cara mengumpulkan data, mengklasifikasikan data dan menganalisis data. Penelitian ini menemukan 26 bahasa kiasan, yang terdiri dari 12 metafora, 7 personifikasi, 2 simile, 4 hiperbola, dan 1 paradoks. Bahasa kiasan membuat lirik lagu menjadi lebih ekspresif dan lebih indah.*

*Kata Kunci: bahasa kiasan, metafora, personifikasi, simile, hiperbola*

### Abstract

*In English there is a lot of figurative language that people do not understand. Figurative language is a way of expressing something in an unusual way. This study focuses on the album Eternal Sunshine by Ariana Grande. The aims of this study is to finding the figurative language used in the album Eternal Sunshine and find the meaning. This research uses a qualitative descriptive method by collecting data, classifying data and analyzing data. This study found 26 figurative languages, consisting of 12 metaphors, 7 personifications, 2 similes, 4 hyperboles and 1 paradox. Figurative language makes song lyrics more expressive and more beautiful.*

*Keywords figurative language, metaphor, personification, simile, hyperbole*

### 1. Introduction

English is full of figures of speech and many people are not familiar with them. Especially children, they will have difficulty understanding it (Blachowicz and Fisher, 2006). According to Perrine (1969), figurative language is a way to express something in an unusual way. The functions of figurative language are; first, figurative language gives us imaginative pleasure. Second, figurative language is a way to bring additional imagery into the rhyme, making the abstract concrete, making the poem more interesting. Third, figurative language is a way to add emotional intensity to statements that are merely informative and to convey attitudes along with information. Fourth, figures of speech are a means of concretization, a way to say a lot, yet convey it briefly.

Figurative language is categorized into five types, namely metaphor, simile, hyperbole, personification and paradox (Perrine, 1969). Metaphor is a type of comparison that directly links two objects, similar to simile. However, metaphors are comparisons that are made directly without any terms of relationship (Nurhaida & Marlina, 2017). Kennedy (1999) states that simile is figurative language that expresses a comparison between two things, which is characterized by connective words such as like, as, than, or verb. Hyperbole is an exaggeration

used to emphasize something (Ardhyanti & Supriyatningsih, 2020). According to Fitria (2018), personification is giving properties to animals and objects so that they act and act like humans. Human traits exist in non-human objects or creatures, including actions, behaviors, traits, physical characteristics, and others related to humans. According to Fitria (2018), hyperbole is an exaggeration or a deliberately exaggerated statement. Stating or conveying something excessively makes no sense and the words used are very dramatic. According to Shaw (1974), readers must have insight in order to interpret the deeper meaning of figurative language.

In this research, the author analyzes the figurative language contained in an album. This research focuses on an album from Ariana Grande called *Eternal Sunshine*. *Eternal Sunshine* is Ariana Grande's seventh album. Grande got the title of this album from the 2004 American movie, *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*. The album is inspired by Grande's life experiences. *Eternal Sunshine* was released on March 8, 2024 by Republik Records and was written and produced by Grande, Max Martin, Ilya Salmanzadeh and Oscar Görres. *Eternal Sunshine* is a pop and R&B album with dance music influences, mainly synth-pop and house, characterized by up-tempo synthesizers and smooth strings.

Previous research has examined figurative language, such as Deni Arnita, Elia Nova & Natalia (2021) on *The Analysis of Figurative Language of Song in Ariana Grande "Thank You Next" Album*, Simatupang & Jayantini (2023) on *Figurative Language in Ariana Grande Song Lyrics*, and Ismayani; Sahuddin, Arafiq, & Amin (2024) on *An Analysis of Figurative Languages Used in Disney Songs Lyrics by Naomi Scott and John Legend Featuring Ariana Grande*. However, there are not many studies that specifically analyze the *Eternal Sunshine* Album by Ariana Grande. The reason researchers chose this topic is because some people still don't understand figurative language. This song is also much in demand by teenagers and adults because the song is easy to listen to or even relate to their life stories. This research aims to find what figurative language is contained in the *Eternal Sunshine* album and find out its meaning.

## 2. Methodologi

This research uses a qualitative descriptive method to analyze the figurative language used in the album *Eternal Sunshine* by Ariana Grande. According to Sugiyono (2013), qualitative research methods are methods used to investigate the status of an object or natural environment. This research method includes:

1. Data collection: identifying figurative language in the *Eternal Sunshine* album. The data collection method used is through browsing, reading song lyrics, listening to songs and taking notes.
2. Classification: classifying figurative language based on its type, such as metaphor, personification, simile, hyperbole and paradox.
3. Analysis: analyzing the meaning of figurative language used in the *Eternal Sunshine* album.

## 3. Result and Discussion

The results of the research will be described in this section. Based on data analysis of the research results, figurative language in the album *Eternal Sunshine* by Ariana Grande obtained 12 metaphors, 7 personifications, 2 similes, 4 hyperboles and 1 paradox. The research results will be described in the following table:

Title	Metafora	Personifikasi	Simile	Hiperbola	Paradoks
Intro	-	2	-	1	-
Bye	-	-	-	1	-
Don't Wanna Break Up Again	-	-	-	1	1

Saturn Returns	-	1	-	-	-
Interlude					
Eternal Sunshine	1	-	1	1	-
Supranatural	1	1	1	-	-
The Boy Is Mine	1	-	-	-	-
Yes, And?	2	1	-	-	-
We Can't Be Friends	4	1	-	-	-
I Wish I Hated You	1	1	-	-	-
Imperfect For You	2	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>

In this section, the researcher focuses on finding out the meaning of figurative language in the album Eternal Sunshine by Ariana Grande. The analysis of this Eternal Sunshine album found 26 figurative languages which have been provided in the form of a table. The following table will mention the specific lyrics, the type of figurative language, explain a bit of its meaning and write down the title. To know the meaning of the figurative language found, please refer to the following table:

No.	Lyrics	Type	Explanation	Title
1.	If the sun refused to shine	Personification	The sun is likened to a living things being who can resist	Intro
2.	If the moon went dark tonight	Personification	The moon is likened to a living things being who can leave	Intro
3.	And if it all ended tomorrow	Hyperbole	Exaggerating that everything will end tomorrow	Intro
4.	This ain't the first time I've been hostage to this tears	Hyperbole	Exaggerating crying by holding tears hostage	Bye
5.	It's breaking my heart	Hyperbole	Exaggerating a broken heart	Don't wanna break up again
6.	When you finally did, it was at the wrong time	Paradoks	Expresses contradiction because it was successful but at an inopportune time	Don't wanna break up again
7.	Saturns come along and hits you over the head. Hits you over the head, hits you over the head, and says "wake up	Personification	Saturns are likened to living things who can comes, hits and says	Saturns Returns Interlude
8.	I showed you all my demons, all my lies	Metaphor	Demons is not the actual meaning, what demonds means here is evil	Eternal Sunshine
9.	Yet you played me like Atari	Simile	Comparing someone with Atari	Eternal Sunshine
10.	You're just my eternal sunshine	Hyperbole	Overestimating someone is like an eternal sunshine	Eternal Sunshine
11.	It's crystal clear and I	Metaphor	Crystal clear here is not the actual meaning, what is meant here is very clear	Supranatural
12.	This love's prossessing me, but I don't mind at all	Personification	Love is likened to a living creature that can possess	Supranatural

13.	Need your hands all up on my body like the moon need the stars	Simile	Comparing someone who needs kindness from someone with the moon need the star	Supranatural
14.	The stars, they aligned	Metaphor	The meaning of the stars is not the real meaning, what is meant here is destiny	The boy is mine
15.	And if you find yourself in a dark situation	Metaphor	The meaning of dark situation is not the actual meaning, what is meant by dark situation is a difficult situation	Yes, and?
16.	Just turn on your light and be like Yes, and?	Metaphor	The meaning of your light is not the actual meaning, what is meant your light is spirit	Yes, and?
17.	My face is sitting, I don't need no disguise	Personification	The face is likened to a human who can sit down	Yes, and?
18.	I don't wanna tiptoe, but I don't wanna hide	Metaphor	Tiptoe is not the actual meaning, the meaning of tiptoe here is to be careful	We can't be friends (wait for your love)
19.	Just wanna let this story die	Metaphor	This story die is not the actual meaning, what is meant by this story die is that the story is finished	We can't be friends (wait for your love)
20.	You cling to your papers and pens	Metaphor	Your paper and pens is not the actual meaning, the meaning of the paper and pens is business	We can't be friends (wait for your love)
21.	Me and my truth, we sit in silent	Personification	The truth is likened to a human being who can sit still	We can't be friends (wait for your love)
22.	Cause I don't wanna argue, but I don't wanna my tongue, yeah, I think I'd rather die	Metaphor	I don't wanna my tongue is not the actual meaning, what I don't wanna my tongue means is not wanting to say anything	We can't be friends (wait for your love)
23.	I tried to rewrite our life	Metaphor	Rewrite our life is not the real meaning, but the meaning of rewrite our live is to improve life	I wish I hated you
24.	Our shadows dance in a parallel plane	Personification	The shadow is likened to a human who can dance	I wish I hated you
25.	And if you like midnight driving with the windows down	Personification	The midnight is likened to a human who can drive	Imperfect for you
26.	And if you like cameras flashing everytime we go out	Personification	Likens the camera to being able to blink like a human	Imperfect for you

In this study, researchers found 26 figurative languages on the Eternal Sunshine album, which consist of metaphor, personification, simile, hyperbole and paradox. Metaphor is a figure of speech that is not the actual meaning. In this study, 12 metaphors were found, one example is in the song Eternal Sunshine with the lyrics "I showed you all my demons, all my lies". The word demons is not the actual meaning, what is meant

by demonds is evil. Someone uses the word demonds to describe their evil. He shows all his evil and lies to someone.

Furthermore, there is personification which compares non-living things to behave like humans/living things. In this research, seven personifications were found. One of them is found in the song Intro in the lyrics "If the sun refused to shine". In the lyrics, the sun is likened to a living thing that can refuse to shine. Even though the sun is an inanimate object. Metaphors make song lyrics more poetic and more enjoyable to listen to.

Next is simile, simile shows parable or comparison. In this study, two similes were found, one of which is found in the song Eternal Sunshine in the lyrics "Yet you played me like Atari". The lyrics show a simile that compares a person to Atari.

Next is hyperbole, hyperbole is used to exaggerate something. In this study, four hyperboles were found. For example in the song Intro in the lyrics "And if it all ended tomorrow". The lyrics exaggerate that everything will end tomorrow.

Lastly, paradox is a comparison between two opposites. In this study, only one paradox was found in the song Don't wanna break up again, in the lyrics "When you finally did, it was at the wrong time". The lyrics describe a contradictory comparison. The lyrics tell the story of a woman who finds a man who is suitable to be a lover, but the time is not right because the woman has just experienced a breakup and she closes her heart because she doesn't want to feel heartache again.

#### 4. Conclusion and Recommendation

This research found 26 figurative languages. In the intro song there are two personifications and one hyperbole; Bye song has one hyperbole; Don't wanna break up again has one hyperbole and one paradox; Saturns returns interlude has one personification; Eternal Sunshine song has one metaphor, one simile and one hyperbole; Supernatural song has one metaphor, one personification and one simile; The boys are mine has one metaphor; Yes, And there are two metaphors and one personification; We can't be friends has four metaphors and one personification; I wish I hated you has one metaphor and one personification; and the last Imperfect for you has two metaphors. Figurative language has the function of making songs more aesthetic and expressive. In addition, analyzing figurative language in songs can make us understand the content or meaning contained therein.

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