

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

After analyzing the four poems of Maya Angelou's *Still I Rise*, *Equality*, *Woman Work* and *Touched by An Angel*, it can be concluded that each poems reflect Maya Angelou's experiences that showed by theme of each poems. Those poems have same character and setting, those are Maya Angelou itself and her environment among Whites. The theme of each poems are different which it shows the experience of Maya Angelou in each poems. In the first poem *Still I Rise*, the theme is discrimination because the content of the poem is the kinds of discrimination acts by White people. The theme shows that Maya ever experienced of discrimination. She experienced it since she was a child and lives in a town which practice of discrimination still much appeared because in her town the majority group is White people and at the time the society was controlled by Whites.

In the second poem *Equality*, the content is almost same with poem *Still I Rise*. The content in *Equality* also mention some kinds of discrimination acts of White people to Black woman but it more explains about the desire of the speaker to being equal or get same treatment from White people without any racial prejudice. The theme in this poem is equality or freedom because there is the strong wish of Black people to be same and have same right as White people have. This theme shows that Maya had experienced this experience, being inequality which she had experienced of segregation and different treatment by White people around her so that make her wants to get same treatment as White people got.

The third poem, *Woman Work* is about motherhood which conveys the long list of a housewife's chores everyday. It can see in the first stanza of this poem that

describes some duties of a housewife. The theme in this poem is woman's work because it depicts the routine life of a housewife or a mother who performs her daily chores and her desire to take a rest from her chores. This experience also had experienced by Maya Angelou when she became wife of two men, Tosh Angelos and Vusumzi Make. Both of them did not allow Maya to work outside home but only do what should a housewife do.

And the last poem *Touched by An Angel* is about Maya's thought in the importance and the power of love. The theme in this poem is love because this poem explains the role of love in human life. Love is an experience that everyone in the world ever experienced it includes Maya. She had fallen in love for many times with some men so that she understands about the meaning and the importance of love in her life. She thinks that love can bring us from loneliness to happiness in life.

In short, these four poems of Maya Angelou explain different experience of Maya Angelou based on the theme in each poem, those are discrimination, equality, woman's work and love. Those poems have similarity that is represents the experience of woman. By this research, it proves that through understanding deeper about the biography of the author we can find the relation between the author and her works.