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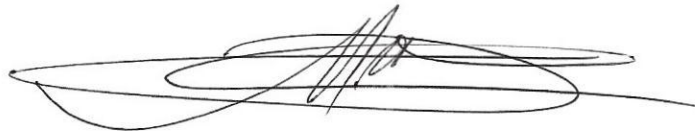
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how those characteristic could apply in our daily activities and how it infiltrates our conscious state, it is simply because metaphor is an understandable and definitely easy way of expressing and delivering something, yet it is a part of language; the tool of communication people use interact to each other, and a fact that metaphor is also the output from cognitive process.

Moreover, to help us understand what metaphor is, we need to seek the meaning and its function. While we previously learn that Metaphor is pervasive and unavoidable in our daily activities and interactions. Now we would like to explain what the meaning of Metaphor is literally and how the meaning works for preceding term. Metaphor derived from Greek word: “*Metaphero*” which translates as to “transfer” or “carry over” (Liddell, 2015). Metaphor means to transfer or in common word; to deliver, if we relating the term of deliver in our daily conversations, it means that metaphor delivering something that our regular words cannot. It transfers a concept or idea of certain entity to clarify something we have no idea about.

Further learning metaphor, we will know how human beings interpret their thoughts, to understand more about their expression of feelings, imagine this as if we were in the middle of a football match, our local team were matched against foreign team for the most prestigious trophy on the continental region, we may have similar thoughts of how to express the feelings of how our team played beautifully, even though this match is conducted by masculine players. This universal thought is popped out automatically in our head, and yet it is uncontrollable.

Lakoff proposed the theory that metaphor here is conceptual; it is a part and the outcome of human cognitive system and thought, which means that conceptual metaphor is not that expression lies within lines of paragraphs, it is actually a concept which works as transferring or carry over concrete ideas to understand the intangible ones (Lakoff, 1993). Starting with a popular example of “*Time is Money*” this example works like this: we have no idea what is the entity of time in literally, it is abstract, it has no visual presence, yet it is so annoying to think what time is without understands it in a certain way. Money on the other hand, has a visual presence, shown as a concrete entity, has concept of how to do with it, and the concept of money works and understandable by people inside this planet. So, by carry over the concept of money and use it to understands time, then we will know what time is.

Meanwhile, music is also a way of expressing thoughts and feelings (Juslin & Sloboda, 2001); it is an art form and cultural activity whose medium is sound that organizes in time. Originated from Greek word *Mousike*; “*Art of the Muses*”, (Liddell, 2015) Not all human being can conduct it, but on the contrary, this product of thoughts is received universally, even though there are many genres, many style adopted here and there but still, it functioned the same, deliver messages, thoughts, and expressions. Music interpretation not only embodied within notes and instruments, it also provides lyrics as embodiment of expression, by adding lyrics to music and songs the more immersive the expression address towards the audiences, this is confirmed by Juslin in his article edited by Hargreaves, Macdonald, and Miell (2005).

Later the millennium, the popularity of a music genre has switched, but not entirely. Thanks to the innovation, the spread of information affects the current trending genre of music, from 1970's where love is in the air spreading via pop genre, until 1990's where the rise of R&B and Hip-hop genre is everywhere to hear (Snow, 2014). There is also music that carries over many traditional instruments and style, no matter what kind of music is there will be special place for it in every ears and hearts of their audiences. Now *EDM (Electronic Dance Music)* is taking the majority hype all over the world. This genre has a huge fan base all over the world and there are also many annual events held to gather those fans. This genre also gave birth of many prominent artist resides all over the world, for example: Martin Garrix, Hardwell, Dimitri Vegas and Like Mike, Armin van Buuren, and Swedish House Mafia.

Previous studies regarding the elements of conceptual metaphors and its applications in songs were collected with findings describing as follows;

Ahmad (2014) has studied conceptual metaphors in Bob Marley's songs finds that the Rastafarian movement and message spread by the songs were intended to encourage people, especially Afro-American race to face their problems in life with such bold and brave fashion, the song is also intended to criticize the alienation of Afro-American people and say that they should saw as equal as every other race in this planet. This research was limited by genre by evidence of Bob Marley is the icon of Reggae music genre

Second, Kamaliah (2013) has studied conceptual metaphors in Coldplay Band Album *Mylo Xyloto* finds that the band songs was mostly talks about *Life is*

a Journey, Changes was did with Movement, Purposes were the Destination, Love is meant as Unification, War, and Struggle. And yet it associates the Human mind as unification within human bodies with their ability to experience something. But the findings was mere too general as these semantically meanings is delivered in pop genre, so the experience acquired was equally different and the way the message spread was too general.

Third, Sawettanun (2018) has studied conceptual metaphors in songs lyric but the study was meant to measure the level of comprehension in learning English as Foreign Language Learners. She conducts the research by listen numbers of English contemporary songs towards students of Foreign Language Learners and finds that the students were able to catch the meanings of metaphor in word level and sentence level. She conclude that by studying contemporary songs and its metaphors could help the students conceive the meaning and context presented by the lyrics and could help the students to understands English language in better fashion.

Fourth, Krisnawati (2014) conducted research on how conceptual metaphors applied in soccer news, but not necessarily using songs as the medium of presenting metaphors to the audiences. However the study still manage to prove the existence and the utilization of conceptual metaphors by providing examples such as revoking the concept of human mind by saw soccer is sports game that was played by means to score goals, giving experience of goals as gold and crops, this was the proof that conceptual metaphors exist in human mind and could not separated from human ability to experience.

Lastly, Jandausch (2012) has conducted prominent study of *Conceptual Metaphor Theory and the Conceptualization of Music* which finds that conceptual metaphors govern the conceptualization of music relating human mind has the ability to experience certain measure of immersive factors to create the image of music within their minds and how human being as children unconsciously utilize their experience as the embodiment of music conceptual. Further discussions suggest the testing hypothesis of The Language and our reasoning about music are guided by conceptual metaphor, whereas the perception of music is governed by basic metaphors and conceptual integration.

While the previous studies suggests many ideas were meant to be explored within conceptual metaphor study. However, there are gap that the researcher was intended to fill in. There was not any research regarding the usage of metaphor presented in EDM music as the embodiment of the contemporary culture of clubbing and rave society. With the gap still needs to fill in the researcher was meant to bring an insight of different view of conceptual metaphor in musical works.

The contemporary culture has produce substances like kinds of communities spread in urban area. And living in urban area may results in consequences like stress or hectic situation because urban area were lacking of recreational destinations. While many people relieve stress by moving to more nature-oriented recreational place, some other found pleasure in night clubs and bars within the city. This habit however, often linked with other bad activities like; drinking excessive amount of alcohol, drug and women abuse, and many

more. Aside from the bad activities, all off those were commenced within the club, and the club always use this one genre of music, EDM. From the researcher's perspective, this lifestyle is resulted from lack of acceptance of different culture and less proper understanding plus education towards the younger generation. In this discussion however, the researcher found something unique within the music played in those nightclubs, not interested of discussing any bad activities or violation of law behaviour within the nightclubs.

One of the most prominent artist regarding their influence towards the scene of EDM is a group called *Swedish House Mafia*. Swedish House Mafia is a Swedish music super group consisting of Axwell (Axel Christofer Hedfors), Steve Angelo, and Sebastian Ingrosso, all of them were disc jockey and also music producer, the Trio famously known as "the faces of mainstream progressive house music" (via EDM Lounge, 2012). The group officially formed in late 2008, on June 4, 2012 the group announced that they would split up. They conducted their final performance was at *Ultra Miami Music Festival 2013*. For the next five years Angelo worked solo, while Axwell and Ingrosso performed as duo. Later in 2018, fans were in shock as the trio back from its disbandment and empower the rave as seen in *Ultra Miami Music Festival 2018*.

From explanation above, the researcher decides to take this subject because most of Swedish House Mafia and Axwell & Ingrosso songs contain metaphors, the second perspective is EDM music as stated above delivers its messages in the most sophisticated way, with great lyrics, and has a great energy, but yet easy to listen and enjoyable. With those aspects the researcher intends to

1.5 Scope and Limitations

This research concerns is to examine the concepts and meaning of metaphor. The research is based on conceptual metaphor theory proposed by Lakoff and Johnson (2003) which refer to three categories of metaphor called Structural Metaphor, Orientational Metaphor, and Ontological Metaphor. Onward, this research intends to describe the meaning of metaphor by exploring the literal meaning and context in Swedish House Mafia and Axwell & Ingrosso's songs. There are approximately 8 to 10 songs selected ranging from 2008 to 2015 and the audio file is streamed and downloaded via various application sources owned by respected owners for the pure purpose of research only.

1.6 Definition of key terms

1. Metaphor

A metaphor is a part of figure of speech that directly refers to one thing by mentioning another for rhetorical effect. Metaphor is used without using comparative markers.

Example : I can be your *Stepping Stone*

2. Conceptual Metaphor

It is the concept of metaphor which connecting and understanding human's experience and way of thinking in order to give proper understanding of discussed expression, this approach later categorized in three major categories.

Example : Argument is War; here we understand argument with the concepts of war.

3. Electronic Dance Music

Broad range of percussive electronic music genres made mostly for night clubs, raves, and festivals. EDM is generally produced to create playback by Disc Jockey (DJs) whom made series of mixing tracks, by segueing from one recording to another.

4. Swedish House Mafia

Swedish House Mafia is a Swedish music super group consisting of Axwell (Axel Christofer Hedfors), Steve Angelo, and Sebastian Ingrosso; all of them were disc jockey and also music producer. Established in 2008

5. Axwell & Ingrosso

A Swedish DJ duo consist of Swedish House Mafia members, Axwell (Axel Christofer Hedfors) and Sebastian Ingrosso. This group was a side project after the brief disbandment of Swedish House Mafia. This group was established in 2014.

specific sense. In general metaphor covers all of the figurative expression such as metonymy, synecdoche, personification, simile, and hyperbole. Those were works by associating one objects to another, or by comparing it. Meanwhile, in specific course, it is only concerned with figurative expression that contains implied personification.

2.2 Metaphor in Modern Approach

Later the years have passed; the dynamic evolution of scientific research gave birth of study called *Cognitive Linguistic*. This branch of study argues that linguistic is a part of cognitive process, by providing such empirical view from psychological and philosophy emphasizing that human experience of conceiving ideas cannot be studied separately. On broad terms Cognitive Linguistic has two main discussions; *Cognitive Semantics* and *Cognitive Approaches to Grammar*. By mapping the study on those two majors, it is implied that this new approach is based on the semantically approach, whereas the purpose is to relate human experience and cognitive process to determine the meaning of a language as unified part of human mind (Evans & Green, 2006).

From insight delivered by modern linguist above, the study of Cognitive Semantics has formidable connection in a form of Conceptual Metaphor. Yet it has relation with conceptual process of human mind and interpretation of linguistic expression. From what traditional views of Metaphor, Metaphor that we knew before were described by these characteristics;

- Metaphor is a linguistic phenomenon, it is a property of words
- Metaphor has function to give artistic and rhetorical purposes

- Metaphor consist of similarities between two entities that are compared and was pointed out
- Metaphor is used within conscious and the user must have special talent in order to make it function
- Metaphor is a part of figure of speech that was avoidable. The necessity of using the metaphor is not inevitable

On the other hand the point of view that was proposed by this later approach is meant to oppose the traditional views of Metaphor. This point of view was proposed by George Lakoff and Mark Johnson in *Metaphors we Live By*, by pointing out points of differences from traditional point of view like;

- Metaphor is a property of cognitive process or concepts.
- Metaphor is meant to understand certain concepts, to give better definitions of what matters on another, not only for aesthetic purposes.
- Metaphor is not always come from resemblances of one thing to another.
- Metaphor works unconsciously, which means that the usage of it is inevitable, and it does not require any special talent of each mind to utilize it.
- Metaphor was not meant to be wasted, not only meant to serve purpose of giving value of aesthetic, human mind is using it effortlessly.

From this point of view, we could argue that metaphor is not only used for rhetorical and stylistic purposes. It is a product of human being's cognitive process and often did not base on similarities.

Moving on to the theory itself, as well as delivered by Lakoff and Johnson, stated that, “Metaphor is pervasive in daily life, not only in language, but also in thoughts and actions as well”. From this statement however, we shall agree that metaphors relies within consciousness, even though the speaker and addressee didn’t have contractual agreement of this sort of systems, both should be understand each other because of those reasons.

2.3 Conceptual Metaphor

In general, conceptual metaphor can be understand as the concept system of human cognitive or thoughts that became a figurative comparison in which one idea is understood in term of another. Conceptual metaphor actually refers to cognitive process of understanding one domain in terms of one another (Lakoff & Johnson, 1980). As for the example, we had a term “Intensity”, this term however, is related in contextual term “Heat”, Intensity here is a target domain, a simple, shapeless, abstract entity of its own, we do not know how intensity is, which moments could this term should use, what it looked like and so on. To understand what intensity is, we shall have a glance at “Heat” term, heat is something we could experience physically, and heat is something that could grow gradually depending on the action. Based on those general concepts of how heat is, we shall agree that term “intensity” has common resemblance with the term “heat” in concept; term “heat” here is a target domain.

The easy way to determine how one source domain related to its target domain is to find it’s similarities in physical presence, pervasive experience in similar fashion, or structurally similar in general (Kovecses, 2010). The reason

2. She is on *top* of her career
3. How come she doesn't feel *up* today?
4. The meeting *fell* into an unpleasant situation.

From example above we agree that concept up and down give positive and negative points respectively, this system doesn't limited only with up and down, it could also related with something that has bipolar and bivalent behaviour.

2.4 Electronic Dance Music

Electronic Dance Music or simply *EDM* is a broad variety of percussive electronic music genres made by electrical music device to create a set of music composition in order to addressing audience on Nightclubs, raves, and festivals. EDM is made by its producers by combining or in more popular terms *mixing* various set recording of tracks in order to create a gapless playback. Generally this set of playback was played by *Disc Jockey (DJ)*, sometimes EDM also created by means of presenting *Live Public Address*, this action usually occurs when a certain events highlighting music producers or DJ as their main attraction, it was meant to show the audiences that a set of playback was created in the middle of the show or by live performances.

While EDM was meant to address people on the nightclubs, we could trace it originals far back to 1960s, while bands like *Silver Apples* using electronic based music intended to be danced to, later the genre grows rapidly along with the growth of clubbing society on Europe and United States. This society however, often linked with the abuse of drugs while enjoying this genre of music.

The data sources are divided into two categories: Primary data and Secondary data. The writer chose to use only primary data for this research. The primary data is the lyrics itself, as the writer decided to not use another data instead of the lyrics itself.

The lyrics of songs by Swedish House Mafia and Axwell & Ingrosso were collected by the listening session of the song via *Spotify* music stream application. The researcher have listen carefully to the lyrics played along the songs and then wrote it down from the beginning to the end of the song, the researcher used lyrics provider over internet websites to help wipe-off misheard words or sentences. The product of the listening sessions shall be in a form of printed transcription paper. The transcription papers are used as the data to analyze the metaphor relies on it with some certain procedures follow.

3.2.3 Procedure of Data Collection

After the researcher produce the song's transcripts, the researcher have commenced to collect proper data. The researcher has searched for metaphorical utterances in the lyrics of Swedish House Mafia and Axwell & Ingrosso thoroughly in order to analyze it.

In collecting the data, the researcher has used these steps as follows.

- The first step, the researcher listen to the songs played by of Swedish House Mafia and Axwell & Ingrosso via *Spotify* music streaming application on researcher's smartphone, in addition the researcher have repeated the listening process several times in order to learn more depth about metaphors used in the song.

- Second, the researcher has transcribed the lyrics of songs by Swedish House Mafia and Axwell & Ingrosso, via typing with the help of lyrics-providing internet websites to disintegrate and fix the misheard part of the lyrics. The skipping actions are be prohibited as it could affect the outcome of the transcribing process and to prevent data loss. Then the researcher has save the lyrics and already printed them to paper. The data are in a form of hard copy. The printed text shall ease the researcher in collecting the data. As soon as the data is collected, the researcher has already read and comprehends the lyrics in depth manner. This process has found the metaphors used in songs by Swedish House Mafia and Axwell & Ingrosso.
- Third, the researcher has found the metaphors used in the lyrics of Swedish House Mafia and Axwell & Ingrosso's song, The way the researcher determine which metaphor belongs one another is by marking at certain words or utterances by using highlighter marker.
- Fourth, after marking selecting words of metaphors the researcher analyzed it and interpreted the data.

3.3 Data Analysis Technique

Based on approach taken, this research is conducted using qualitative descriptive approach. The method however, taking purpose of explaining and describing the lyrics text of Swedish House Mafia and Axwell & Ingrosso's songs, which means that the data collected are not to be generalized, but the metaphorical expression found in the song are examined, categorized and conveyed thoroughly.

The steps are explained as follows:

1. The researcher searched and examined selected metaphorical expression in song's lyrics.
2. After found the sufficient data, the researcher clarified the metaphorical expression used the conceptual metaphor theory
3. Classify the findings into a certain category revealing how it relates with conceptual themes suggested in the previous process
4. Identify the meaning of selected metaphorical expression within the lyrics, using prominent dictionary to convey what is the meaning of preceding expressions
5. The researcher elaborated in-depth analysis on identified metaphorical expression and then have categorize it with proper relation with Conceptual Metaphor Theory
6. The researcher seek the message delivered by the songs in general based on findings from previous process
7. The researcher made the conclusions based on data analysis

		<i>Sun is Shining</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — <i>A simple band of gold</i> — <i>Castles made of sand</i> 		
2	On (Target domain were given value as if it was a living being or creature, by giving such treats, they were easier to immense and understand)	<i>Don't you worry child</i> <i>Dreamer</i> <i>Sun is Shining</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — <i>See Heaven's got a plan for you</i> — <i>Heavy on my feet</i> — <i>If you're looking for a Home</i> — <i>Faith is in our hands</i> 	4	26, 67
3	Or (Target domain given human spatial orientation metaphorically)	<i>More than you know</i> <i>Reload</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — <i>I just need to get it off my chest</i> — <i>They're sending you far away,</i> 	4	26, 67

Know released in 2017. By this time of event, the super group no longer with Steve Angelo, whom previously being together on *Swedish House Mafia*, they are working on the side project as *Axwell & Ingrosso*. Together, they were continuing entertaining people on festivals and rave parties under their own name. Originally, the song was teased in 2016, where later received backlash regarding their style of instrumental which was different from they were used to be recognize.

Although this song has such controversy, this song remains popular even for the person who didn't take part in rave scene. The voice of singing is provided by Trevor Guthrie, and tells the story of a person who won't stop believing of being dreamer; he intended to achieve a destination of better living by lived within good minds and great energy to spread goodness towards the world. While commencing acts of his/her vision, he didn't hesitate to ask people to join him in order to spread goodness, stated in his lyric he encourages people to get high on believing whether they were having something on their pockets or not. By mentioning pocket, the persona wants to emphasize that the person he/she asked is often keep their precious things on their pocket, but here pocket doesn't understand as the literal part of clothing to store something, pocket here could be anything that functioned to store something whether it is bag, wallet, etc. or simply understands as Storage.

The meaning of the lyric part is in order to spread goodness and happiness, a person only need to believe and encouraging others to do so.

The pocket part is understood from previous statement that when it all counts for something, and everything that you belong like money or anything physically deemed as precious things might not do the trick, then all you have to do is believe in your act.

Data 4 description

*“Right where you wanted
Down on my knees
You got me begging
Pretty baby, **set me free**”*

The expression was taken from the song entitled “*More Than You Know*”; this song is the front line from their EP of the same title released in 2017. This song tells about a person who needs to release all of his pains and depression, which quoted in the first line of the lyric, “*I just need to get it off my chest*”, the person intends to do so in order to keep their mind being positive and not be defeated by depression or burden.

The highlighted part of the lyric that became the data source tells about the willing to get freedom feeling from being depressed, it is implied that the person who needs to release it experienced a fatigue and suffers from depression from disappointment towards he/she significant ones, he/she begged his/her former lover to release or freed him/her not from the literal shackles, but instead his mind and feelings needs to be free from

Data 13 description

*“When the night become the day
They’re sending **you far away**,
So so far away”*

This song is released in 2012 in collaboration with John Martin as the singer. This song tells about a person who can somehow recharge the spirit and happiness for another people, the lyrics suggest that if one’s is tired or feel uneasy and unmotivated then the persona in this song could reload their happiness if a person came to him/her.

The purpose of doing so is to maintain the positive energy and joy to living this life as a person who could possibly spread their positive energy and being useful for the environment. This part of lyric emphasize on spatial orientation within human mind by saying, “so, so far away”, this was not meant that a person is dragged by hand or even a transportation unit which can move them so far away, this part of lyric suggest that the person encountered an event of which he/her feel alienated by the society, makes him/her think that their deeds is not good enough to be accepted by the society.

Data 14 description

*“When you want to **get off** the ground
But gravity pulls you down
Gravity pulls you down”*

This song is released in 2012 in collaboration with John Martin as the singer. As pictured in previous description as this song is meant to remind people if they were feel rejected by society or they were lack of positive energy they should and they could come to see the persona in this song to reload his/her feeling of joy and happiness.

This part of lyric is also an example of problem often encountered by people by having themselves on the higher place from wherever they used to be, it could be they were promoted to handle much heavier responsibilities, or having higher social status. From preceding case the data fits to their condition as the songwriter use the word, “get off” the ground. This word does not imply the literal meaning of physical activities that place someone higher off the ground like jumping or board an airplane. Instead, this selection of word cognitively understood as an intention of a person whom willing to achieve more in his/her life, upgrading themselves from the ordinary (ground) to the better side of themselves.

Data 15 description

*“When you want to get off the ground
But gravity pulls you down
Gravity **pulls you down**”*

This song is released in 2012 as previously explained; this song is produced by Sebastian Ingrosso featuring John Martin on the vocal. The song tells the story about a person whom can reload positive energy and love towards another people. In the song, the persona was asking people to

come and find him/her if they were in position of lack in love and positive energy, he/she also mentioning several cases of how people could lose or became empty in their feelings.

One of the examples is this part of lyric which was the direct cause of the data explained before. In this case, whenever people were meant to achieve more in their life, there is always obstacles lies on the ground that could pull a person down and restrict them to achieve more. The songwriter use the term “Gravity” which does not literally means the force that naturally pulls human being down and keeps them from flying above the ground. Instead the gravity is the reality that people faced or rather said are the obstacles that prohibits people to achieve more.

The orientational state of gravity marks the negativity as the negative values often cognitively understood as the less value in human mind’s orientation like *down, low, outside, etc.* This data is emphasized on the value of the term “down” as the implementation of lack in value or the negative value.

4.1.3 Data Conclusion of metaphorical expression found in Swedish House Mafia and Axwell & Ingrosso’s songs.

After examine the data one by one the researcher needs to conclude his findings in order to propose the point of his detailed research provided with the explanation above. The data will be concluded with certain category regarding the characteristic and then summarized in general

A. Expression contains Structural Metaphor

Table 4.2 Structural metaphor and meanings

Metaphorical Expression	Source Domain	Target Domain
— <i>Heaven right now is a Devil or Angel away</i>	Afterlife	Destination
— <i>I was a King, I have a Golden Throne</i>	Kingdom	Family
— <i>A simple Band of Gold</i>	Treasure	Joy
— <i>And your pocket's full of nothing</i>	Treasure	Joy
— <i>You got me begging pretty baby, set me free</i>	Confinement	Solitary
— <i>Shoot me straight into my heart</i>	Fight	Love
— <i>Faith is in our hand, Castles made of sand</i>	Monument	Inner Beauty

Conclusion of table 4.2

Structural metaphor is a term of understanding metaphor by understanding the source domain concept and applies it to the target domain concept. By doing so, it is meant to understood cognitively one concept to understood what is written in the expression.

Provided with the table three (3) is the source domain and its target domain of the expression written in each song's lyrics. The first example is the expression in the song entitled *Don't you worry, child*, there is found expression related to Heaven and other spiritual entities like Angel and Demon. Second, is the expression found in the same song related to Kingdom and any person's involved in it like King, Queen, Prince, etc. Third, Fourth data contains expression that shares the same category of source domain labeled as Treasure because it has characteristic of something valuable, also provides characteristic of space to contain it. Fifth data contains the expression of being held in a confinement to define the solitary. Sixth data contains the expression of understanding love in a way of being in a fight. The seventh data contains the structural concept of monument.

The purpose of including the resemblance within expression of the lyrics is to understand the structural concept of one being to understand what lies in the expression as the target domain.

B. Expression contains Ontological Metaphor

Table 4.3 Ontological metaphor and meanings

Metaphorical Expression	Source Domain	Target Domain
— <i>See Heaven's got a plan for you</i>	Afterlife	Destiny
— <i>Heavy on my feet</i>	Weight	Hardship
— <i>If you're looking for a Home</i>	Home	Comfort
— <i>Faith is in our hands</i>	Faith	Personality

Conclusion of table 4.3

Ontological metaphor is a term of understanding metaphor by giving the value of what it was existed to give understanding of what the target domain is, in this very case the songwriter chooses to give the value of human being towards various expression lies in the lyrics.

First, the expression is Heaven, but in this category the intention of the songwriter is to give the value as if the heaven is a living being so it could decide, what person must do. Second, the expression of heavy. This expression related

classification provided by the theory; those are Structural Metaphor, Ontological Metaphor, and Orientational Metaphor.

Based on the expression found in the lyrics, the expression is sufficient enough to fulfill the characteristics of structural metaphor, those are; **DESTINY IS AFTERLIFE** is understood by utilizing words like; *Heaven, Angel, and Devil*. By mentioning so, the human mind cognitively process the expression as the reminiscent of the person's purpose of living, to be worthy to enter the precious heaven. **FAMILY IS KINGDOM** is understood by utilizing words like; *King and Golden Throne*. Cognitively, any person whom has family shall always treat their family members as if they were a member of a royal family, this resemblance is to prove the value of a family in every eyes should be. **JOY IS TREASURE** is understood by utilizing words like; *Band of Gold*, and objects to secure it like the expression of *pocket*, for some people, the feeling of joy is something to treasure about, because it is the precious provision for those person to living their lives, without those feelings they would find this life is merely sorrow and burden. **SOLITARY IS CONFINEMENT** is understood by utilizing words that associated with the concept of being confined like; *set me free*, when it is come to talking about feelings, there is no doubt that everyone must be experiencing being confine, this taste of confinement is often related to a feeling of being solitary. **LOVE IS FIGHT**, it is obvious here that the songwriter is meant to say that to be felt in love you need to understood the concept of fight, within its bare hand or using a weapon, this is understood with the expression of *shoot me straight*, for some people, love deals with the effort of struggle to be worthy for their

significant others, it is often found in the effort a state of friction, where the ideas often crashed with another, there are also many terms that suits the concepts of love related with fights. **INNER BEAUTY IS MONUMENT** is the concept is proposed by mentioning building that has aesthetic function to please our very eyes, this expression is to give reminiscent to a person's inner beauty.

Then, there are also expressions of ontological metaphor, with the usage of expression like; *Heaven, Heavy, Home, Faith*. The metaphor often does not relate of the concept of only mere similar, this is the example of how metaphor works in a way of giving their treatment as if they were living being. Like the expression *Heaven* is understood like it is a living being that could direct the people on a way they should walk. *Heavy* is the expression of the physical fatigue as if heavy has limbs that could feels. *Home* is the expression as if home could comfort people both physically and mentally, although home does not move or could do anything. *Faith* is term to understood a person's personality, this term is not contexted within religional views, but the confidence of one person's personality.

The last metaphor discussed is the Orientational Metaphor, this is related with human's consciousness of spatial awareness. The expression often carries the value of more or less regarding on how object is placed within consciousness.

This research is also prove of the metaphor exist in our daily life, not only purposed to be looking good, but also to share human experience, to share a concept, to immense the feeling of human being via textual expression that connects to our consciousness and experiences. However, this advantages not only limited to a certain, mainstream genres of music spread in our universe like pop

genre, blues, country, etc. This genre of music named EDM is also proved to be functioned as the medium for delivering message via it's textual expression and shares experiences towards it's listeners.

To validate the findings, the researcher have studied some previous works on how conceptual metaphor theory has applied in various field of corpus expressions in many departments, for example:

Jandausch (2014) has conducted study of Conceptual Metaphor Theory and the Conceptualization of Music, here Jandausch has draw the inter-corellating line between music and the metaphors, while resulted in the hypothesis that the creation of songs is based from cognitive consciousness within human minds, the study is still needs to be proven however, and this study is not necessarily focused on certain artist or any genres.

Second, Ahmad (2014) has researched the same theory using songs as the medium, he finds the expression like *Surviving, Prisoner, Buffalo Soldier, etc.* Those expressions were influenced by the background of the artist himself, Bob Marley. He is the pioneer of the Rastafarian movement, while he is best regarded as an artist, his songs were meant to empower and encourage people who were descendant of African-American, the spread of the message is powerful and while it is different audience target from our research, the similarities was in terms of function in delivering message to empower marginalized people.

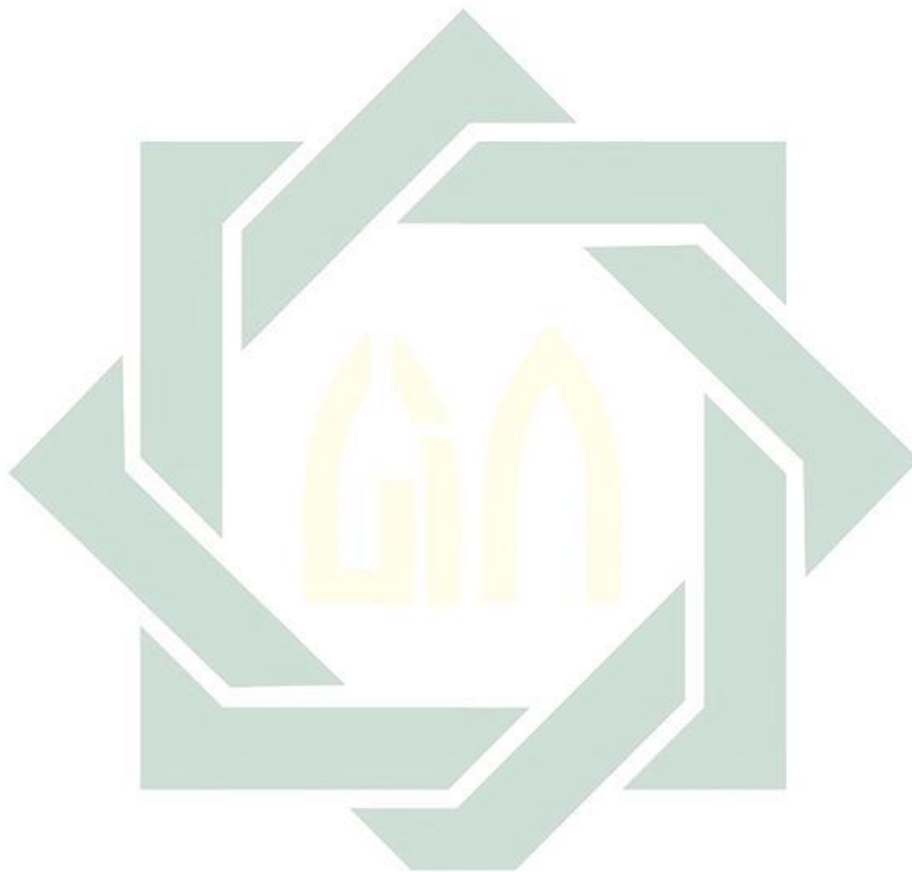
Thirdly, research related to songs was one from Kamaliah (2013) who studied the conceptual metaphor in an album entitled *Mylo Xyloto* by London-based artist, Coldplay. According to researcher's knowledge, Coldplay is another

artist that grows popularity in later millenium. But Coldplay and Swedish House Mafia were separated in genre, while Coldplay adopted the genre of Rock. So again the target audience was different from the Swedish House Mafia was, and lyric-wise, Coldplay mostly delivers it songs in calm and subtle way, converting its energy of songs in delicate manner. In contrast with Swedish House Mafia, where the songs were delivered in high energy and more soundy. Resulting in different interpretations of its lyrics.

Fourthly, Sawettanun (2018) using the metaphorical expression in moderns songs as the media for second language learners to measure the understanding of words delivered by songs. The similarities is in the understanding lyrics using cognitive consciousness and the differences lies in the purpose of the study, while Sawettanun focuses in measuring the capabilities, our research only focuses in classification of expressions and meanings implicated within the lyrics, not necessarily to measure anything, but in general both studies were given purpose to giving more knowledge for the readers and another researchers.

There are also studies that used the theory of conceptual metaphor but applied in different field outside music, like Krisnawati (2014) provides the usage of conceptual metaphor in soccer news, where the presentation of soccer news always utilize methaphorical expressions to give consciousness of values within the soccer games. The common usage of words *golds* and *crops* relates the consciousness of human experience to understands the certain events occured in soccer games.

From discussion above, it is underlined that different genres tend to shape the interpretation of the song's lyrics by the audiences. However, previous studies also proves that metaphor usage is inevitable and are pervasive in every substances as a part of our daily life.



beneath the metaphorical expression written in the songs by relating it with human being's cognitive process and experiences.

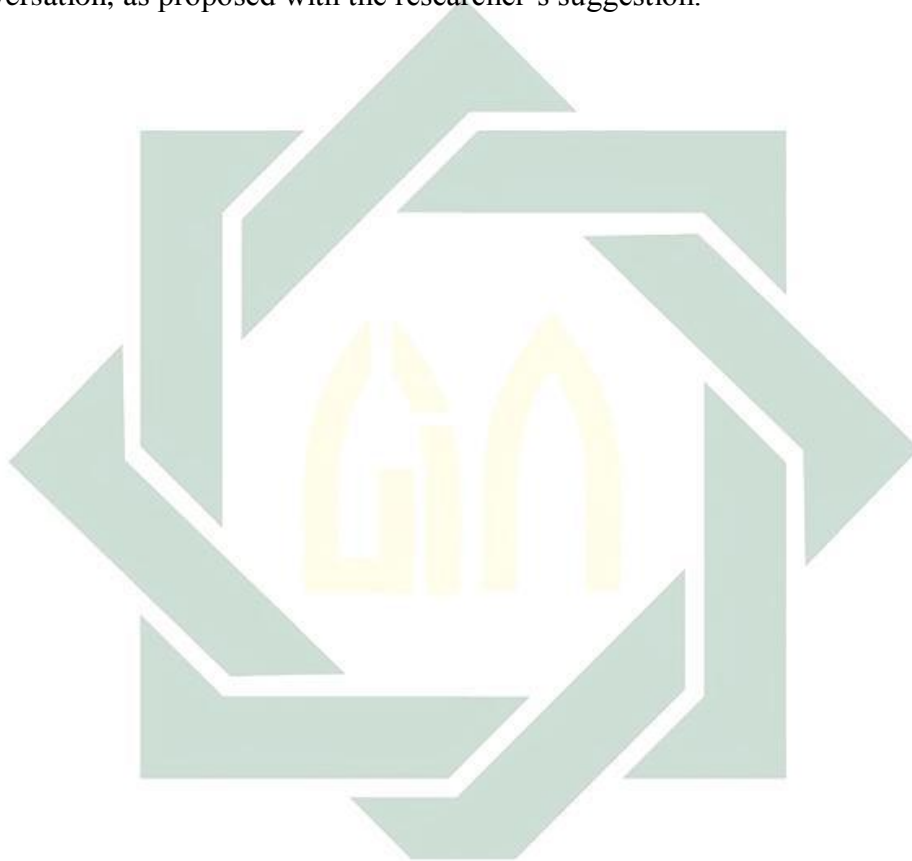
The metaphorical expression is often found in the song's lyric. It is undeniable that musician or in this case a music producers utilize metaphor as the medium of delivering their message towards their listeners. In this case however, the music producers not only intended to include the metaphorical expression only for the purpose of aesthetic and entertain. It is also to connecting people with the lyrics by using metaphor as the link between the lyrics and human being's cognitive process. The purpose by doing so is to immense people with the song, and to connect the musicians and music producer's thoughts to their beloved listeners.

5.2 Research Suggestions

This part of chapter consisted of the suggestion that the researcher proposed, in order to dig more about the metaphor utilizing the later approach, the researcher hopes that with this more new and fresh approach, the subject of the research would be much broader, and in intention to tackle questions of certain phenomenon that was limited within the conservative approach.

The researcher suggests the research of the metaphorical expressions in daily life, albeit it would not came only from audio source or the news source. The daily conversation could contribute more for the research of metaphorical expression, as it could determine the cognitive way of thinking and experiences from fellow addressee, the purpose is to understand more of what happens around us, and could contribute in the cross-field of studies.

The study of metaphor in songs is only a starting line of studying biggest secrets conceived by huge space of metaphorical expression. As the kinds of music genres does not restrict the use of metaphor. In broader case, this theory could be applied into various cases like news, poetry, etc. And even our daily conversation, as proposed with the researcher's suggestion.



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