

Hyperbole Expressions Used in Justin Bieber's Album "Justice"

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KEYWORDS	ABSTRACT
Hyperbole, Expressions, Meaning, Song lyrics, Justin Bieber	Hyperbole is a figurative language containing a statement by exaggerating something from reality with a dramatic effect. Sentences using hyperbole are commonly to compare something with excessive words and sometimes sound unreasonable. This study aimed at determining the forms of hyperbolic expressions used in Justin Bieber's album Justice and explaining the meaning of hyperbolic expressions used in the album. The methods used in this research were descriptive qualitative. The theory proposed by Alexander (1977) and Leech (1981) used to identify hyperbolic expressions used in song lyrics and explain the meaning of hyperbole in song lyrics. The research subject was Justin Bieber's songs, spread on the Justice album, which consists of ten (10) songs. Ten of the seventeen songs contained in the album are to be described, namely: "2 Much, As I am, Off My Face, Holy, Unstable, Die For You, Hold On, Somebody, Ghost and Anyone". The process of collecting data was done by listening to songs and noting song lyrics that have hyperbole expressions. The results of the analysis found 20 hyperbolic expression data that have two meanings, namely: connotative meaning and affective meaning.

INTRODUCTION

Kreidler (1998) stated language is a system of symbols by which people communicate. Language can be used to generate emotions and feelings expressed by creating song lyric. Most of song writers do such kind of thing and they also use figurative language to convey the message aesthetically. Figurative language is a language that uses figures of speech and express the message through personifying, comparing, even exaggerating (Hikmaharyanti, 2019). It relates to song lyrics that contain figurative language. There are many kinds of figurative language such as: metaphors, similes, personification, exaggerations and symbols. Figurative language is very common in poetry, but it is also used in prose and non-fiction.

In this study, the writer concerned about the meaning of hyperbole expression used in song lyrics. There are many expressions that refer to using hyperbole in the lyrics as they express the emotion of the singer. The meaning is difficult to understand because the singer includes hyperbole expressions in the lyrics. This article therefore deals with the hyperbole expressions that occur in song lyrics and attempts to categorize and explain them. In this study, the writer chose the "Justice" album, an album by Canadian singer

Justin Bieber, to be discussed. This album was released on 19 March 2021. This album contains many figurative language including hyperbole. Besides, Justin Bieber is a popular singer all over the world. Many people know his song lyrics. The writer is interested in discussing the lyrics of the Justice album because in the lyrics there are some expressions from the singer that imagine the condition or situation which singer got. So, the writer found a figurative language of hyperbole expressions in the lyrics to express the emotion from the singer that they use to make the lyrics more interesting. At the moment, figurative music is the part of a song which can make a song feel more beautiful and attractive.

METHOD

The source of data for this study is taken from the seven songs of Justin Bieber in album ‘Justice’ through browsing from internet, all the songs are downloaded. And then they become the main data of this study, namely: “2 Much, As I am, Off My Face, Holy, Unstable, Die For You, Hold On, Somebody, Ghost and Anyone”. The data were collected by documentation method. The way of collecting the data were by listening, note taking and reading to the song lyrics very carefully, learning the key words of the lyrics several times until the writer understood what the songs about and classifying the lyrics or the words in the songs to have the classification of hyperbole expression. The results of data analysis are used in formal and informal methods. The formal is presented in tabular form to show the amount of data about the types of lyrics which means hyperbole expressions in song of Justin Bieber in ‘Justice’ album. Furthermore, informal methods are used to explain each problem of study descriptively as the explanations will be conveyed in the form of lengthy words in detail.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The findings from the analysis activities that have been carried out through observation of all the lyrics can be seen in the table presented to read the implied meaning of hyperbole expression from the song lyrics.

Table 1 Hyperbole

Song title	Line	Hyperbole
2 Much	2	Funny how I forget to blink
	15	Two seconds without you’s like two month
As I am	1	By myself sometimes, to give my mind some space
	16	When life gets way too hard, I’ll meet you in the stars
Off My Face	1	One touch and you got me stoned
	4	Sunrise but the night’s still young
	7	Your touch blurred my vision
	15	To late, now you’re in my blood
Holy	4	Cause the way the sky open sup when we touch

	30	But when you come out of the water, I’m believer
Unstable	6	Showed you the door, you adored me anyway
	7	When I was broken in pieces, you were my peace of mind
	16	Not every wound is the kind that bleeds
Die For You	7	I would walk through burning fire
Hold On	7	Heaven is a place not too far away
Somebody	5	Eight billion people, we just looking for a hand to hold
	15	I’ll be the shoulder you cry on
Ghost	3	I know you cross the bridge that I can’t follow
Anyone	1	Dance with me under the diamonds
	17	Forever’s not enough time to love you

The most dominating theme in Justin Bieber’s “Justice” album is about love. These songs describe several types of love such as self-love, love between lovers, past love and doubtful love. Hyperbole is a figurative language in the form of a statement that aims to explain something by exaggerating the original reality. The use of hyperbole in the lyrics of the song Justin Bieber “Justice” album is twenty (20) data. The expressions of hyperbole can be seen in the following song lyrics.

Datum 1

Funny how I forget to blink

The hyperbole expression is found in the lyrics above, which read “*Funny how I forget to blink*”, which is where the lyric is exaggerated, so the statement is judged not to be true. How can one forget how to blink, basically someone can not forget what his body is doing unless he has certain health problems. In these lyrics the singer wants to tell his lover that he is so amazed every time he sees his lover that he doesn’t stop looking at her. The word “*Forget to blink*” express the singer’s admiration for his lover.

Datum 2

Two seconds without you's like two months

The hyperbole expressions found in the lyric of line 15, which reads "*Two second without you's like two months*" if read carefully, are clearly an exaggeration, because in reality the time comparison between two seconds and two months is very much different. In this lyric, the singer wants to convey his feelings because he does not want to be far from his lover. He felt that he could not be away from her because for him even a second would feel so long.

Datum 3

To give my mind some space

The first line of the lyrics, which reads "*to give my mind some space*" is also redundant because the human mind has No. space. What the singer means is that sometimes he needs time to be alone so he can stop thinking about things he shouldn't be thinking about. The meaning of the lyrics is that the singer wants to get rid of the things that he thinks that fill his mind so he can not think properly.

Datum 4

I'll meet you in the stars

The meaning of the song "As I am" tells about having a partner who really understands the attitude of the singer, who always acts selfishly until he finally realizes that his lover is very precious to him and he just wants to stay with her under any circumstances because only his lover understands him. The lyrics of the song on line 16, which reads "*When life gets way too hard, I'll meet you in the stars*" is an exaggerated sentence, because in reality stars are celestial bodies that are very far from human existence so they can not be reached by humans. The meaning of the lyrics is that the singer express his feelings about his lover who never leaves him in the most difficult circumstances.

Datum 5

One touch and you got me stoned

This song tells the story of the singer who is in love so that it seems as if he is uncontrollable in his behavior or thoughts, the woman who makes him fall in love seems to really fascinate him. The lyrics of the song in the first line are words that are exaggerated because nohuman being when touched, can become still like a stone where a stone is an inanimate object that can not move while a human being who is still has movement in his body so that it does not move likened to a stone. The lyrics of this song are a meaningful hyperbole expression about the singer who is unable to express when dealing with the woman he likes, so he just stares at her in silence.

Datum 6

Sunrise but the night's still young

In the fourth line of the lyrics, the singer expresses a hyperbole expression, which means that time has passed too quickly. "*Sunrise but the night still young*" The sun depicts that a new day has begun but the feeling or something that occurred at night are still imagining, making the singer feel that time is too soon to end their most beautiful moment.

Datum 7

Your touch blurred my vision

The lyrics of the song in the seventh line have the same meaning as the lyrics in the first line, whose words are exaggerated because how can just a touch can obscure someone's view. This lyric is hyperbole expression about someone who feels like he doesn't know what to do when faced with the person he likes.

Datum 8

Too late, now you're in my blood

The lyrics on the fifteenth line, which reads "*Too late, now you're in my blood*" is an exaggerated lyric, in fact no human being can enter the blood, where blood is a liquid in the human body. This hyperbole expression means about someone who is in love, who can not stop thinking about the person he loves so that it disturbs his sleep time but he can not hate her because he is already in love.

Datum 9

Cause the way the sky opens up when we touch

This song is about the singer who gets holy love from someone like God gives and affection to him. In the line, which reads "*Cause the sky opens up when we touch*" the lyrics are exaggerated because the sky can not be opened just because two people touch each other.. The meaning of the hyperbole expression in the lyrics is the expression of the singer who feels that his relationship with the person he loves is approved by the universe and also God, so that he feels when he is with her, they are so blessed.

Datum 10

But when you come out of the water, I'm believer

The thirtieth line of the lyrics reads "*But when you come out of the water, I'm believer*" is an expression that has a religious meaning, namely that the singer is inspired by the blessing performed by Christians called baptism. Baptism is a process of cleansing from sins and confessing one's faith in the form of accepting a person into the church to cleanse oneself of sin and confess faith in Jesus. The process of baptism is carried out with water as a form of purification. So the lyrics used by the singer are hyperbole expressions which are meaningful about someone who has believed in God.

Datum 11

Showed you the door, you adored me anyway

The meaning of this song tells about the singer's memories with the girl who once loved him for who he was, the girl who understood him, supported him and even accompanied him when his mental state was unstable. The lyric on the sixth line, which reads "*Showed you the door, you adored me anyway*" is a hyperbole expression which means the singer tells the woman he loves about his shortcomings but she ignores and chooses to continue to accompany him.

Datum 12

When I was broken in pieces

The lyrics on the seventh line which reads "*When I was broken in pieces*" is an exaggerated sentence, because humans can not be shattered like glass, the hyperbole expressions in the lyrics of this song means about the feelings of the singer who is sad, angry, disappointed mixed into one so that he felt like he was shattered into pieces but with the woman he loved he found peace of mind.

Datum 13

Not every wound is the kind that bleeds

The lyrics of the song on the sixteenth line, which reads "Not every wound is the kind that bleeds" is a hyperbole expression, which means meaning about wounds that are not visible or invisible on the outside. The singer wanted to convey his feelings into the song using a hyperbole expression where the wounds felt in the heart cannot be seen by anyone and do not bleed.

Datum 14

I would walk through burning fire

The meaning of the lyric of this song is about someone who will do anything and sacrifice anything to get someone he likes. The lyrics on the seventh line, which reads "*I would walk through burning fire*" are exaggerated, because how someone can pass through a smoldering fire, anyone's feet can be burned. This lyric is a meaningful hyperbole expression about the writer who is willing to do anything to get the woman he loves.

Datum 15

Heaven is a place not too far away

The meaning of the lyrics of the song Hold On tells about the singer who tries to always be there to accompany someone who can be said to be in a situation that might really be down for something. As we

know that we have never known the real location of heaven, but the lyrics in the seventh line, which reads "Heaven is place not too far away" is a hyperbole by the singer to tell those who are feeling sad, not to feel too overwhelmed by it, because happiness is not so far away for us to get. Heaven is defined by happiness.

Datum 16

Eight billion people, we just looking for a hand to hold

The meaning of this song tells about the singer who has found someone who stops his loneliness. Although it was not easy to get to that stage, but in the end he found someone he needed. The fifth line of the lyrics, which reads "*Eight billion people, we are just looking for a hand to hold*" is a meaningful hyperbole expression about the singer who wants to meet someone who is able to spend his life together. The meaning of the lyrics *Just looking for a hand to hold* is to be with the same person forever.

Datum 17

I'll be the shoulder you cry on

The lyrics in the seventeenth line, which reads "*I'll be the shoulder you cry on*" is a meaning of hyperbole expression about the singer who promises to always be there for someone he loves and is willing to give his shoulder to be a place to lean on when the person he loves feels sad.

Datum 18

I know you cross the bridge that I can't follow

The meaning of the lyrics of the song *Ghost* tells about the singer who is willing to accept any risk in loving someone, he realizes that maybe everything can not be owned, but if he can not get it, then he will accept whatever it is that even hurts his own heart. In the third line lyric, which reads "*I know you cross the bridge that I can't follow*" is a meaning of hyperbole expression about the singer who realizes that he cannot have someone he loves. "*The bridge*" is likened to something that separating the two of them that the writer could not overcome.

Datum 19

Dance with me under the diamonds

The meaning of the lyrics of this song tells about the singer's love for his lover. He loved and admired her so much. But unfortunately he can not see the future with her, even so he will still maintain the relationship. The lyrics in the first line, which read "*Dance with me under the diamonds*" is a meaning of hyperbole expression about the feelings of the singer who invites his lover to live happily together with him for an indefinite time.

Datum 20

Forever's not enough time to love you

In the seventeenth line of the lyric, which reads "Forever's not enough time to love you", we know that *forever* is a very long and endless time, but in this lyric the singer uses hyperbole expressions to convey his feelings of loving his lover so much that cannot be compared to anything in the world.

CONCLUSION

After conducting the analysis, it can be concluded that there are a total of twenty (20) hyperbolic expression data used in Justin Bieber's song lyrics on the album 'Justice'. Each song lyric analyzed has a different meaning, a collection of Justin Bieber's songs in the album 'Justice' themed about Love which makes listeners feel related to the lyrics of the song is also facilitated by this research so that the audience of the song can better understand the content and the meaning implied in the song.

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