

AN ANALYSIS OF FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE IN DEMI LOVATO'S SONG LYRICS

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Abstract: The purpose of this study is to identify the types and meaning of figurative language used in selected song lyrics by Demi Lovato in album "Dancing with the Devil, The Art of Starting Over". This research applied descriptive qualitative approach. The data were collected by primary sources that is listen to the song and take note the lyrics that contains of figurative language. In analyzing data, the writer used steps by Miles and reduction, data display and conclusion. The result of data analysis, there are 19 expressions of hyperbole, 27 expressions of metaphor, 5 expressions of personification, and 5 expressions of simile. The figurative language used in Demi Lovato's song lyrics represented a various meaning they are about: loneliness, sadness, anxiety, regretful, love, life, and friendship. The writer suggests for future researcher to analyze and discuss about other types of figurative language which are not found in this study or using other theories to conduct their next study.

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INTRODUCTION

Language is the important thing for people to have communication or get interaction in life (Liando, Tatipang & Lengkoan, 2022). "Language is often

viewed as vehicle of thought, a system of expression that meditates the transfer of thought from one person to another” (Finegan, 2008, p. 1). Languages can be used through spoken or written forms. Language is not only seen from the phoneme, morpheme, and grammatical, but also from the meaning. There is branch of linguistics that studies about language and meaning, it is semantics.

Semantics is the study of relationship between words and how we draw the meaning. People can absolutely interpret words differently and draw different meanings from them. According to Maru (2016, p. 7) “in social process there are people who communicate more than they say, they use language that indicates meanings more than the language does”. Meaning is important in our lives because of that it can be convey or understood.

There are two kinds of language, such as literal language and figurative language (Liando, Tatipang & Wuntu, 2023). But the writer will only explain about figurative language. Figurative language is another style to say something other than the common way to make speech more beautiful (Ratna, 2017). Figurative language is an excellent communication tool and it is something we encounter daily that help us to covey complex descriptions or emotions quickly affectively. Also referred to as figure of speech, figurative language can be utilized to persuade, engage and connect with an audience and amplify our intended message.

Song lyric is the people’s expression by writing of something that has been seen, heard or experienced in life. In expressing people’s experience, usually songwriter utilized beautiful words or language to create the attraction or characteristic attached to her lyrics (Kumayas & Lengkoan, 2023). According to Yastanti (2018), a characteristic in writings to delivering to the public by the writer. A person’s created a song to describe her mood or situation around the people. Meanwhile, song lyrics have massages in word form or sentence and the massages in song lyrics can have varieties of both oral and written forms, it can be used to created atmosphere and imagination of audience. It means that song lyrics are media that speaker used to impress their listener (Lengkoan & Olli, 2020) and (Somba, Liando & Kumayas, 2022). On the other hand, when

we listening to a song, we will look for the song's lyrics meaning but sometimes, there are a few words that cannot be translated into the real meaning because of the song writer used a figurative language. The meaning of words or sentences is not only found in daily conversation but also in the literary works like song lyrics, poem, novel, short stories, speech, movie script, and so on. However, this research tried to find the figurative language used in Demi Lovato's song lyrics. This study also tried to describe the meaning of the figurative language used in song lyric.

Demi Lovato is a famous pop singer. She has powerful voice and the lyric of her songs is inspired by her journey of life. In the song lyric, she used many figurative languages in every song she composed. The song lyrics is described a story of her life with a deeply meaning, she is trying to make listener carried away how is her feeling of each song. For example: the lyrics from Demi's song *Dancing with The Devil* "*Almost made it to heaven*" is used the figurative language the lyric meant she almost die, but the word heaven also describing about the feelings that she enjoyed the atmosphere of happiness and peacefulness. The type of this figurative language "almost made it to heaven" is a metaphor. A part from that, the lyrics can influence listener by singer and song is the way to be enjoyed the music, that is why the language that used in the lyrics need to be interpret. Demi Lovato has 6 albums. *Don't Forget* is her first album release in early 2008, *Here we go again* (2009), *Unbroken* (2011), *Demi* (2013), *Confident* (2015), and *Tell Me You Love Me* (2017), then early of 2021 Demi just released her new album called "Dancing with the Devil, The Art of Starting Over". Based on the point of view the writer will conduct this research entitled "An Analysis of Figurative Language in Demi Lovato's Song Lyrics" from Album "Dancing with The Devil, The Art of Starting Over".

RESEARCH METHOD

Research Design

In this research the writer was applied descriptive qualitative approach to study the problem. According to Bogdan and Biklen (1992, p. 30, as cited in

Wowor, 2020), qualitative research is a descriptive which the data is collected in the form of words rather than numbers.

Data Collection

This research used document as the source to collect the data. In collecting the data, the writer used a several step. Firstly, the writer downloaded the songs and lyrics. Second, the writer listening to the song from beginning until the end, and at the same time reading the lyrics. After listen to the song, the writer *underlined the word that contains of figurative language*.

Data Analysis

After the data was collected, the writer used technique of data analysis based on Miles and Huberman theory (1994) there are three steps used in analyzing data, they are: data reduction, data display, and conclusion drawing.

1) Data Reduction

Data reduction is the process of selecting, identifying, classifying and coding the data. In this step the writer selected the data from Demi Lovato's song album "Dancing with The Devil, The Art of Starting Over". The writer classified the data into several categories based on Perrine's theory, and tabulated the sentences containing figurative language.

2) Data Display

Data display is the process to simplify the data in the form of sentences, narrative, or table to make the data will be easy to understand. In displaying the data, the writer explained the meaning of figurative language used in Demi Lovato's song lyrics by using semantic approach.

3) Conclusion Drawing

Conclusion drawing is the last step to consider what is the analyzed data mean and to assess the implication of research questions. In this last step of this research the writer drew conclusion based on data analysis.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

In this chapter, the writer classifies the figurative language found in Demi Lovato song lyrics especially hyperbole, metaphor, personification, and simile and described the meaning of those figurative expression.

Data Reduction

No.	Data Analysis	Song	Line	Figurative Language
1.	I tried to talk to my piano	<i>Anyone</i>	1 st	Personification
2.	I tried to talk to my guitar	<i>Anyone</i>	2 nd	Personification
3.	Talked to my imagination	<i>Anyone</i>	3 rd	Personification
4.	Confided into alcohol	<i>Anyone</i>	4 th	Personification
5.	I tried and tried and tried some more, told secrets till my voice was sore	<i>Anyone</i>	5 th	Hyperbole
6.	Tired of empty conversation, Cause, no one hears me anymore	<i>Anyone</i>	7 th	Metaphor
7.	A hundred million stories, and a hundred million songs	<i>Anyone</i>	9 th	Hyperbole
8.	I feel stupid when I sing, nobody listening to me	<i>Anyone</i>	11 th	Metaphor
9.	I talk to shooting stars, but they always get it wrong	<i>Anyone</i>	14 th	Personification

	Anyone, please send me			
10.	anyone Lord, is there anyone?	<i>Anyone</i>	19 th	Hyperbole
11.	I used to crave the world's attention	<i>Anyone</i>	25 th	Metaphor
12.	I just need some more affection	<i>Anyone</i>	27 th	Metaphor
	Anything to get me by			
13.	It just a little red wine, I'll be fine	<i>Dancing with The Devil</i>	1 st	Metaphor
14.	I think I earned it, feels like it's worth it	<i>Dancing with The Devil</i>	4 th	Simile
15.	Twisted reality, hopeless insanity	<i>Dancing with The Devil</i>	6 th	Metaphor
16.	I was dancing with the devil out of control	<i>Dancing with The Devil</i>	8 th	Metaphor
	Almost made it to heaven			
17.	It was closer than you know	<i>Dancing with The Devil</i>	10 th	Metaphor
18.	Playing with the enemy, gambling with my soul	<i>Dancing with The Devil</i>	12 th	Metaphor
19.	Tin foil remedy almost got the best of me	<i>Dancing with The Devil</i>	20 th	Hyperbole
20.	I didn't want those eyes To watch me fall from	<i>ICU</i>	1 st	Metaphor

	grace			
	I want to be the one			
21.	You look up to when you wanna run	<i>ICU</i>	6 th	Metaphor
	I want you to see my face			
22.	Whenever you feeling out of place	<i>ICU</i>	8 th	Metaphor
	Sometimes, I can see			
23.	myself in the little things you do	<i>ICU</i>	21 st	Hyperbole
	I look to you and you			
24.	give me a strength	<i>ICU</i>	27 th	Hyperbole
25.	Always my baby girl	<i>ICU</i>	28 th	Metaphor
26.	I'm like a watch	<i>The Art of Starting Over</i>	1 st	Simile
27.	I'm unwinding like a clock	<i>The Art of Starting Over</i>	1 st	Simile
28.	The universe is trying to remind me	<i>The Art of Starting Over</i>	4 th	Metaphor
29.	Give me a pen, I need writing another ending	<i>The Art of Starting Over</i>	5 th	Metaphor
30.	I had the armor I wore it much in the summer	<i>The Art of Starting Over</i>	7 th	Metaphor
31.	But the arrow hit me right where the heart is	<i>The Art of Starting Over</i>	8 th	Hyperbole

32.	I guess I'm mastering the art of starting over	<i>The Art of Starting Over</i>	9 th	Metaphor
33.	Thank God, I got me to hold me starting over	<i>The Art of Starting Over</i>	13 th	Metaphor
34.	I'm an island I'm alone but I'm alive	<i>Lonely people</i>	1 st	Metaphor
35.	All that love is a means to an end I'm always finding broken hearts instead.	<i>Lonely people</i>	17 th	Hyperbole
36.	Romeo and Juliet are dead.	<i>Lonely people</i>	23 rd	Hyperbole
37.	I was living as a prisoner inside my own mind	<i>Melon Cake</i>	2 nd	Simile
38.	Where the cat and the mouse tried to make me, Barbie sized and I obliged	<i>Melon Cake</i>	4 th	Metaphor
39.	No more melon cakes on birthday	<i>Melon Cake</i>	12 th	Hyperbole
40.	You could find me starving for attention most days	<i>Melon Cake</i>	16 th	Hyperbole
41.	I was pulled in all directions and forgot about mine.	<i>Melon Cake</i>	23 rd	Metaphor

42.	My insecurities don't take vacation	<i>Carefully</i>	6 th	Hyperbole
43.	She'll be gone in a minute if you don't think you're lucky to have her	<i>Carefully</i>	10 th	Hyperbole
44.	I could be your favorite dream Baby, nobody could love you like I do	<i>Carefully</i>	30 th	Hyperbole
45.	I found the love of my life. Wait, I mean the loves of my life	<i>My Girl</i> <i>Friends Are</i> <i>My Boyfriend</i>	1 st	Metaphor
46.	My soulmates, my angels my reasons I'm grateful	<i>My Girl</i> <i>Friends Are</i> <i>My Boyfriend</i>	3 rd	Metaphor
47.	They're perfect, they priceless forever like diamonds	<i>My Girl</i> <i>Friends Are</i> <i>My Boyfriend</i>	7 th	Simile
48.	I buy flower for my girls then I shower them in pearls	<i>My Girl</i> <i>Friends Are</i> <i>My Boyfriend</i>	9 th	Hyperbole
49.	My girlfriends are my boyfriend	<i>My Girl</i> <i>Friends Are</i> <i>My Boyfriend</i>	12 th	Metaphor
50.	They my wifey for life	<i>My Girl</i> <i>Friends Are</i>	45 th	Hyperbole

<i>My Boyfriend</i>				
51.	Their tears are filling up their glasses	<i>Mad World</i>	5 th	Hyperbole
52.	When people run in circles, it's a very, very mad world	<i>Mad World</i>	12 th	Metaphor
53.	I've been called emotional disaster	<i>Good Place</i>	1 st	Hyperbole
54.	I had trials and tribulations mastered	<i>Good Place</i>	3 rd	Hyperbole
55.	Now I'm in a good place	<i>Good Place</i>	9 th	Metaphor
56.	No longer have to save face	<i>Good Place</i>	11 th	Metaphor

Data Display

Hyperbole in Demi Lovato's album, "Dancing with The Devil, The Art of Starting Over".

- *Anyone*

1) *I tried and tried and tried some more, told secrets till my voice was sore.*

In these lyrics the song writer is using repetition to emphasize that she felt addicted, so she had to keep on taking more and more. The words "till my voice was sore" is hyperbolic.

2) *A hundred million stories, and a hundred million songs.*

The lyric "A hundred million" means so many stories to tell and songs to sing. In this line the song writer exaggerated the things uncountable.

3) *Anyone, please send me anyone Lord, is there anyone?*

This line shows kind of request and complain words that means she really need someone and asking for help to get out in the situation when she felt alone. It is containing exaggeration to emphasize that she is lonely.

- *Dancing with The Devil*

4) *Tin foil remedy almost got the best of me.*

Tin foil is usually used to burn a heroin, the words "the best of me" is representing about feeling of safe and free after consuming the drugs and heroin. The lyrics is hyperbolic cause after consuming drugs she is overdose and almost die.

- *ICU*

5) *Sometimes, I can see myself in the little things you do.*

Demi might say that her sister is doing the same things like she did or copying her in many things. The lyrics "see myself in the little things you do" is a statement containing hyperbolic to emphasize the point her sister act like her.

6) *I look to you and you give me a strength.*

The lyrics "You give me a strength" is impossible. To get an energy or strength people have to get some food or take a rest. The song writer exaggerates the lyrics to shows her feeling and want to described about someone special that always be there and supporting her.

- *The Art of Starting Over*

7) *But the arrow hit me right where the heart is.*

"The arrow hit me right where the heart is" This line is called a hyperbole. An arrow through the heart symbolizes feeling emotionally wounded, typically from romantic love. The arrow is that of cupid, the god of erotic love in classical mythology. The lyrics means that she fell in love.

8) *All that love is a means to an end, I'm always finding broken hearts instead.*

The word "all" and "always" containing exaggeration. The song writer might always find broken heart in love story around her but, in real life there is love never ending and it means not all love will be ended with broken heart just like the lyrics.

9) *Romeo and Juliet are dead.*

Romeo and Juliet love stories is a fiction written by William Shakespeare. We can't draw a conclusion the ending of love story based on fiction love story. The lyrics is hyperbolic, Romeo and Juliet are described a couple that loves each other but they are died together, but it doesn't mean all the love story will be sad ending. This tragic love story is not a symbol of true love in real life.

- *Melon Cake*

10) *No more melon cakes on birthday*

The lyrics is over stated that finally this is the time for real birthday cake. The word "no more" is to emphasize for saying something has stopped. This song lyrics was sadly inspired by all the times she forced to eat watermelon instead of cake on birthday to avoid gaining weight. And the lyrics declare that now she feels empowered to eat whatever she like.

11) *You could find me*

starving for attention most days

The lyrics contained hyperbole. The words "starving for" which means longing to receive or experience something that it is absent, or unavailable or otherwise difficult to obtain. The lyrics emphasize how she really wants attention most days and do the things in her way followed by next lyrics.

- *Carefully*

12) *My insecurities don't take vacation*

The lyrics contained hyperbole. This sentence emphasize that she is insecure most of the time, it refers to her insecurities is always under controlled. The words "take vacation" means to stop overthink and forget about the insecurity.

13)She'll be gone in a minute if you don't think you're lucky to have her

The lyrics "she'll be gone in a minute" is a hyperbole. The word "gone" in the lyric represent her decision of their relationship. The meaning of this expression is if someone ungrateful with her presence she will go away, it means their relationship will be over.

14)I could be your favorite dream

Baby, nobody could love you like I do

The lyrics "Be your favorite dream" is to emphasize that she is the special one to be loved, and trusted for someone. The words "nobody could love you like I do" is an overstatement. It implies the meaning that she is trying to offering herself to somebody and to persuade that she is the only one to love.

- *My Girl Friends Are My Boyfriend*

15)I buy flower for my girls then I shower them in pearls

The lyrics "I shower them in pearls" is a hyperbole. The word "shower" means to give in abundance, this lyric used to be an overstatement to say she can do anything to make them happy.

16) They my wifeys for lifey

The word wifey is a slang term refers to serious girlfriend, "wifeys" means more than one person, "lifey" refers to life the point is wife for life. The lyrics containing exaggeration that they are partner in life and everything to her.

- *Mad World*

17)Their tears are filling up their glasses

No expression, no expression

The song writer exaggerated the lyrics to describe how people around him. The words "their tears" means the people are very sad and frustrate about their daily life routine, they are very sad so the tears come out. The next lyrics "no expression" means they concealed their sadness.

- *Good Place*

18)I've been called emotional disaster

The lyric "emotional disaster" is hyperbole to make a dramatic effect about health complication, it means a person has been going through a lot of bad moments and cannot control their emotions. In this lyric the song writer might say that she is very sad, confused and desperate because of something bad that has happened to her.

19)I had trials and tribulations mastered

The word "trials and tribulation" means difficulties and problems involved in something. In the lyrics, the word "mastered" is containing hyperbole to exaggerated that she is already passed so many life's challenges and she can control it.

Metaphor in Demi Lovato's album, "Dancing with The Devil, The Art of Starting Over".

- *Anyone*

*1) Tired of empty conversation,
Cause, no one hears me anymore*

The lyrics "Empty conversation" which means no one is there to hear or respond her conversation, it indicates metaphor which replace with literal term to compares two things. On the other hand, the lyrics "no one hears me anymore" is hyperbolic.

2) I feel stupid when I sing, nobody listening to me

The lyrics is metaphoric which compares two situations when she felt stupid while singing and when she enjoyed. The word "stupid" expresses how bad her feeling when nobody is listening to her.

3) *I used to crave the world's attention*

I think I cried to many times

The lyrics "I used to crave the world's attention" indicates metaphor. The words "world's attention" to replace she is a famous singer and she had so much fans and followers in social media that watch her all the time, but in case no one can understand her feeling is. The following lyrics "I think I cried to many times" to emphasize the point uncountable things it indicates hyperbole, in case there are many people know about her and what she did but no one is understand her sorrow. This lyric has two types of figurative language, metaphor and hyperbole.

4) *I just need some more affection,*

Anything to get me by

Affection is a feeling of linking and caring for someone or something. The lyrics "I just need some more affection" is replace the point that she need more action to affecting her from closest people like family or friends to support her during the hard time the lyrics is metaphorical to say affection is action.

- *Dancing with The Devil*

5) *It just a little red wine, I'll be fine*

The words "it just a little" represent what she thought about what happen next is nothing, she used the words "I'll be fine" means she can handle it she will be okay. The lyrics is compared two subjects directly and it is indicated as a metaphor expression.

6) *Twisted reality, hopeless insanity*

The word "twisted reality" is to replace a situation is incorrect or out of the truth. The words "hopeless insanity" means that she has no more choices. The lyrics means she is in a bad situation that she didn't want to. The expression

indicating an implied comparison of situation which means the lyrics is metaphorical.

7) *I was dancing with the devil out of control*

The lyrics is metaphoric. The word "dancing" represents enjoying something and the word "devil" is something dangerous. The words "dancing with the devil" means interacts with enemies or potentially immoral behavior. In this lyric word "devil" replace drugs. She enjoyed drugs and lost control.

8) *Almost made it to heaven*

It was closer than you know

This lyric is metaphoric because the words "almost made it to heaven" meaning is explaining the situation at the moment that what has she done almost took her near to death experience.

9) *Playing with the enemy,*

gambling with my soul

The words "playing with the enemy" represents that Demi used and addicted with drugs, gambling with her soul makes her life in danger. The lyrics indicated metaphor because it is compared enemy is drugs and still have same meaning.

- *ICU*

10) *I didn't want those innocent eyes*

to watch me fall from grace

The lyrics "Fall from grace" means after doing a bad thing this expression is a metaphorical. The following lyrics might say that she didn't want someone innocently that refers to Demi's sister to see what she has done.

11) *I want to be the one*

You look up to when you wanna run

The lyric "you look up to" means the song writer want to be a role model to someone, and the word "run" means live. Demi want to be a role model for her little sister. The lyrics is indicated metaphorical by saying "you look up to" that replaced the words as a role model.

12) *I want you to see my face*

Whenever you feeling out of place

The lyrics is containing metaphor. The word "See my face" refers as a reminder or a lesson do not make the same mistakes, the words "out of place" is not in proper or usual location, it means bad situation that makes uncomfortable or in danger. Demi want to become an example to learn from about don't make a wrong decision when you upset with your life or do something that makes your life in danger.

13)Always my baby girl

Baby girl can be translated as a new born baby, but it means someone that she loved which means her little sister. It is called metaphor because the words baby girl replaced to her sister.

- *The Art of Starting Over*

14)The universe is trying to remind me

The words "The universe" is represented about her experience of life, it triggered her to be aware of her life. In this expression indicated metaphoric because the universe is implying an experience.

15)Give me a pen, I need writing another ending

Pen is an implement for writing. The lyrics "Give me a pen" refers to ask about a chance, and the words "I need to write another ending" means she wants to start another ending of her life story. The lyrics containing metaphor cause a pen can't be translated by literal meaning, the word pen in the lyrics replaced of a new chance.

16)I had the armor I wore it much in the summer

In the lyrics is indicated a metaphor expression. The words "The Armor" is defensive covering for the body, it means body defense and the word "summer" is one of the four seasons and a period of maturing power. This lyric means she is always protecting herself in every season of her life.

17)I guess I'm mastering the art of starting over

The meaning of Mastering is being expert that having control the operation and made something. In this line of lyrics indicated metaphoric cause the word "mastering" described about her as an expert of any circumstance of life. The word "the art of starting over" implying similarity meaning to say that she can pull herself back up and recovered.

18) Thank God, I got me to hold me starting over

The lyrics is containing metaphor, the words "I got me to hold me" prove that she can go through all by herself and "starting over" means to rebuilding her life for a better future.

- *Lonely People*

19) I'm an island, I'm alone but I'm alive

The lyrics above is a metaphoric expression. Demi was said that she is like an island, alone but still exist. This statement compared indirectly unlike thing but still have same meaning, the song writer replaced someone is like an island.

- *Melon Cake*

20) Where the cat and the mouse tried to make Me, Barbie sized and I obliged

This lyric contains two figurative languages, cat and mouse is an idiom to describe behavior in which someone says or does different things to control other people. Metaphor is found in to make me Barbie sized it means to make her look slim just like Barbie's body shape the lyrics are compares someone to a Barbie doll.

21) I was pulled in all directions and forgot about mine.

The lyrics indicated metaphoric, the words "I was pulled in all direction" replace to say she was under controlled by others and she can't take control of herself to make decision for her life. According to literal meaning direction means guidance or supervision of action.

- *My Girlfriends Are My Boyfriend*

22) I found the love of my life. Wait, I mean the loves of my life

In this line the words "Love of my life" replaced to soulmates it indicated metaphor expression. Loves means more than one person, several people that she loved and love her back.

23) My soulmates, my angels my reasons I'm grateful

The words "my soulmates" and "my angels" is metaphor expression that refers to her girlfriends. The lyrics indirectly compare her girlfriend is like an angel with all good things that make her grateful to have them.

24) My girlfriends are my boyfriend

This statement means that her girlfriends can replace the position of a boyfriend. She did not need a boyfriend because she is already happy with her girlfriends. It is metaphoric because it describing something else directly but still have same meaning.

- *Mad World*

25) When people run in circles it's a very, very mad world

The lyrics is containing metaphor, the word "circle" represents of daily life activities. The lyrics described about when people live their life it could be hard to do the same activities, and circle can be a symbol of sometimes people have ups and down.

- *Good Place*

26) Now I'm in a good place

The lyrics is metaphoric. Good place is a place that makes someone better and feel comfortable. The lyrics is implying comparison about her situation of life before and now. This song is a story about her journey after overdose but now she is already recovered and now she is doing all right.

27) No longer have to save face

The expression save face can't be interpreted by literal meaning. The lyrics "No longer to save face" refers to no need to avoid, or escape from people about anything. The lyric of the song called metaphorical.

Personification in Demi Lovato's album, "Dancing with The Devil, The Art of Starting Over".

- *Anyone*

1) I tried to talk to my piano

The word piano is inanimate and it is a one of musical instrument, in fact piano cannot talk like human. The song writer gives characteristic to the things to act or do like human This expression indicated personification. This expression is expressing about loneliness.

2) I tried to talk to my guitar

In this song lyrics talk to guitar is the song writer expression about the situation that there is no one to talk. This lyric is indicated personification cause the song writer apply the human nature to non-human things.

3) Talked to my imagination

People can make a conversation in their imagination about many things. But we can't expect that all the conversation can fix the problem and people may not be satisfy about it. Cause human still need other people to talk. And this expression means Demi or the song writer was all alone externally and internally. This song lyrics is indicated personification expression.

4) Confided into alcohol

The song writer describing about how depressed and how she needs some help. Confided into alcohol is express that she didn't need to worry about the consequence of drinking an alcohol, it makes she felt save and free. The line of lyrics is containing personification, the writer gives human character to an object.

5) I talk to shooting stars, but they always get it wrong

The lyrics shows that the song writer try talk to shooting stars like it is able to hear and understand what her talking about, but they always get it wrong. In fact, stars are a configuration of planets in the sky especially at night. The shooting star is inanimate and the song writer tried to apply human characteristic to shooting star, it indicated personification expression.

Simile in Demi Lovato's album, "Dancing with The Devil, The Art of Starting Over".

- *Dancing with The Devil*

1) I think I earned it, feels like it's worth it

The song lyrics is identified a simile because of using word 'like'. She earned it caused she felt it is worth it and she deserve it.

- *The Art of Starting Over*

2) *I'm like a watch*

It's called simile, which means like watch is never stop except it's broken and watch is a symbol of a Time as always running. It might say that she is awake all the time, during the night.

3) *I'm unwinding like a clock*

She unwinding like a clock, which means unroll or release from tension it described that she is free and relax from anything. This lyric indicated simile by using like to compare she is like a clock.

4) *I was living as a prisoner inside my own mind*

The word prisoner literally means someone restrained as if in prison and the prison represent of her own mind. Mind is the elements such as what she feels, thinks, desire or her intention. This lyric is talked about she is a prison of her anxiety of life, she trapped in her own standard that makes her in bad situation. This song lyrics indicated simile by using word as to compare her life same as a prisoner.

- *My Girl Friends Are My Boyfriend*

5) *They're perfect, they priceless forever like diamonds*

The lyrics indicated simile by using the word like to compare her friends is like diamonds, the word "diamonds" means something precious and hard to find it. Demi want to express how precious them to her.

CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis of figurative language in selected song by Demi Lovato's, the writer concluded that:After analyzing the data, the writer found there are 56 figurative languages used in Demi Lovato's song lyric in album Dancing with The Devil, The Art of Starting over, they are: 19 data of

hyperbole, 27 data of metaphor, 5 data of personification, and 5 data of simile. Metaphor one of the most dominant figurative expressions that used in Demi Lovato's song lyric. The figurative language used in Demi Lovato's song lyrics represented a various meaning they are about: loneliness, sadness, anxiety, regretful, love, life, and friendship. One of lyric that contained metaphor as a dominant figurative language used in Demi Lovato's song lyrics is "*Tired of empty conversation, Cause, no one hears me anymore*" The lyrics "Empty conversation" which means no one is there to hear or respond her conversation, this expression described about her feeling of loneliness. In facts she has family and friends around her, she is not alone if she wants to have a conversation. In this situation Demi Lovato needs someone to understand even she say nothing.

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