

## THE MYSTERY OF DEATH IN ROBERT FROST'S POEMS

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### ABSTRACT

This study analyzed Robert Frost's poems. There are three purpose of this study: analyze about figures of speech and theme death in Robert Frost's poems. The writer was choosing Robert Frost's because he developed a new style of poetry that was metrically precise but which sounded like ordinary American speech. His poetry was full of sentimental expressions about his personal life and conduct. Besides, his poems were simple and profound. He also wrote simple stories about everyday people, often inhabitants of rural New England. Robert Frost wrote extraordinary prose, using simple and direct language; his poems contain symbolism, hidden meanings, sounds, rhyme, meter, metaphors and more. The title of three poems were "Fire and Ice", "In a Disused Graveyard", "The Death of The Hired Man" that taken data from "Classic Poetry Series of Robert Frost Poems" publisher. The method used to analyzed the analysis data was Qualitative Method. This method was chosen because the object if this study does not treat object, and the object can only researched by an observation and description up to the writer's point of view and match with theory. The result of the study shows that many of figures of speech were used on three of Robert Frost's poems. They were Metaphor, Symbol, Hyperbole, Assonance, Anaphora, Personification, Paradox, Simile, Antithesis, Alliteration, Irony, Synecdoche and theme death could open the meaning poem as "Fire and Ice", tells about the end of world between fire or ice. "In a Disused Graveyard", tells about the people won't to die. "The Death of The Hired Man" tells about the pity old man suddenly die in his employer's home.

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The long journey of human life is very short but it is no ending. Born and death are something unpredictable. No one knows when the baby will be born from his mother. Many problems are faced to raise something that nearly with the perfectness, but it can be seen that no one is perfect in the world. In this world so many things, can learn for disenchant ourselves that life is precious and must be thankful for every moment, sadness and happiness. Human are born and getting to be toddler, teenager, adult and then old. Life and death cannot be separated from human being. Basically, life is provision to death. Anyone will never know when they will die. But, at least someone can make a plan of his life, so his life can be arranged according to their wishes. It happens because of their efforts not just at the moment. In life, people share life, love, experience to parents, best friends, everybody. It would be hard to imagine a subject that is more universal and more personally relevant for every single individual than death and dying. In the course life, people will lose acquaintances, friends, and relatives and eventually facing own biological demise. So many things people can learn from life and one of them is death. The death is the best teacher. Also the death is something mysterious or cannot be predicted. Born and death has arranged by God. It means that life is not easy as looking for the perfectness. No death is perfect, but there is dying in holly. Mallon (2008 : 1) states Grief is the price we pay for love. Without attachment there would be no sense of loss. No one can make a prediction when the die will come even the new baby cannot breath then the angel of death takes the baby's soul. In Islamic faith there is life after death. Every good and bad are done being calculated in heaven. There are signs that will be shown but they are not be realized of people in around, moreover by himself that the death is very close.

To make easy of appreciating the poem, this study analyzed about the death. A wider study of death and the rituals and representation that surround death, reveals the impulses and motivations behind many human activities and cultural practices involving death, whether in commemorating the passing of loved ones, or in dealing with the existential anxiety of one's own demise. Involve some form of engagement with death, dying and the cycles of life, while even in the increasingly busy and high-rise profile of many urban environments it is still spires and steeples that rise above the rooftops, again structures whose rationale was in part to engage with the dramas of life and death.

Figures of speech are the several of language that depart from customary construction, order, or significance in order to achieve special meaning. For example are metaphor, simile, hyperbole, irony and paradox etc. (Holman & Harmon; 1986:384). This research used by the poem and describes about the death by Robert Frost's poems because these poems many mystery, emotion, imagination, experience, felt, love, dream, hoped, idea, etc for express idea. The writer believes if there is that reading poems can be enjoyable.

In this poems "Fire and Ice" , "In a Disused Graveyard" , "The Death of The Hired Man" by Robert Frost's were chosen for several reason. Firstly, three poems contain many poetic devices which could as research. Secondly, in poem "Fire and Ice", "In a Disused Graveyard", "The Death of The Hired Man" in Robert Frost's poems have theme about mystery of death, could be used as research for the final examine. The writer was research especially about death, equally enigmatic, riddles and mysterious. Third, Robert Frost's is the most celebrated poet in America. The man who a never give up in his life to writing every a single poetry for make unique language. Robert Frost's have the great lyric theme of death, love and nature in his poem. William H. Pritchard said that Robert Frost was born on March 26, 1874, in San Francisco, California. Robert Frost loves nature. His poetry was full of sentimental expression about his personal life and conduct. Besides, his poems are simple and profound. He also wrote simple stories about everyday people, often inhabitants of rural New England. Robert Frost wrote extraordinary prose, using simple and direct language; his poems contain symbolism, hidden meaning, sounds, rhyme, meter, metaphors and more. Any disruption between the worlds we know and the world we are confronted by, at a death for examples, brings about a sense of loss of meaning. Rinpoche (2002) states

Death is a natural part of life, which we will all surely have to face sooner or later. To my mind, there are two ways we can deal with it while we are alive. We can either choose to ignore it or we can confront the prospect of our own death and, by thinking clearly about it, try to minimize the suffering that it can bring. However, in neither of these ways can we actually overcome it.

## **REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE**

### **Poetry**

In this world, many language which can be mentioned but just poetry can unite us from other country and different culture. Poetry and literature can not separate each other. Through the verses from poetry we can learn about the meaning of life. C. Hugh Holman & William Harmon (1986 : 341) states

Poetry is a term applied to many forms in which human beings have given rhythmic expression to their most imaginative and intense perceptions of the world, themselves, and the relation of the two. Poetry deals with emotion as they are aroused by some scene, experience, attachment. Another key to the content of poetry can be found in beauty. All a poets will agree to this element although by no means will all agree as to what is beautiful.

### **Figures of Speech**

All words expressed idea and feelings, The English language contains a wide range of words from which to choose for almost every thought, and there are also numerous plans or methods of arrangement of these words, called "Poetic Devices". A figure of speech is a use of a word diverging from it is usual meaning or a special repetition, arrangement or omission of words with literal meaning or a phrase with a specialized meaning not based on the literal meaning of the words in it. Some critics and teachers object to this list, but it has it is uses in drawing attention to some of the ways in which words work (Graham Little, 1996 : 163).

### **Theme of Death in Literature**

What has literature to do with theme of death? people consider this question is need answer to give knowledge. People realize that every in literature has specific theme for make certain the beginning and ending from the story or the poetry, purpose for keep consistence in every story. (Cuddon; 1992: 913) states the theme of a work is not it is subject but rather is central idea, which may be stated directly or indirectly. For reader wants to enjoy the poem and we ought to take such people they are never know

that poetry has beautiful verses in it, because content of literature make poetry so beautiful. The relation between literature or as a whole arts and organization theory is manifested clearly in the emerging field of corporate aesthetics. 'Literature' is taken to include oral, dramatic, and broadcast compositions that may not have been published in written form but which have been (or deserve to be) preserved. (Oxford Concise Dictionary of Literary Terms, New Edition 2001). Life and death are correlative terms. In the realm of relativity can not think, speak and act except by putting one thing in juxtaposition to another. This is the way to understand what is phenomenal. (Singh; 2007 :1 ) states Death is the greatest enigma in life. It has baffled human kind from times out of mind. And yet despite all attempts to solve the mystery, it has remained as mysterious as ever before.

### **Theme of Death in Poetry**

Death is a natural part of life, which we will all surely have to face sooner or later. Public awareness of death and the many issues surrounding dying has been heightened. Books, Web sites, conferences, serious radio and television series, films, and support groups have all contributed to a greater openness toward looking into death. There has been a considerable expansion in hospice work and palliative care, and this has been the period during which, in some countries, the whole field of care for the dying has been opened up. Initiatives of many kinds have taken place, inspired by courageous men and women, for whom I have the greatest respect and admiration. The death of the body, particularly of the brain, is then seen as the absolute end of any form of conscious activity. Belief in the posthumous journey of the soul, afterlife, or reincarnation is usually ridiculed as a product of wishful thinking of people who are unable to accept the obvious biological imperative of death, the absolute nature of which has been scientifically proven beyond any reasonable doubt.

This theme poetry is about death. Death is mystery every human, so many verses in poet tells about mystery of death. Poetry is open our mind for knowledge about life, especially of death.( Holman C. Hugh 1985: 341) states A term applied to the many forms in which human beings have given rhythmic expression to their most imaginative and intense perceptions of the world, themselves, and the interrelationship of the two.

### **Death Theme in Robert Frost's Poems**

Robert Frost is one of the most widely celebrated of American poets as we know that Robert Frost is a famous poet with a lot of literary works that have relationship with nature but the writer choose poetry about death in Robert Frost's poems "Fire and Ice", "In a Disused Graveyard", "The Death of The Hired Man" . So many happens in Frost's live, he creating poetry about death because his wife and his children death. Peter Davison notes the sadness and turmoil Frost experienced in his personal life. Frost "lost two children to death in early childhood, another to insanity, another to death after childbirth, and still another (after the death of [his] wife, Elinor) to suicide". Given the personal tragedies Frost experienced, it seems inevitable that a strain of grief and, perhaps, bitterness would run through his poetry.

## **RESEARCH OF METHOD**

### **Research Design**

In this chapter is group of data for analysis and next research. Every observation to do research has method and way for solve problem. It is needed a good quality to get clear the data resources. There are two methods for using research namely qualitative and quantitative. Creswell (2009:15) states

The choice of research design is based on considering these three elements as well as the research problem in the study, the personal experiences of the researcher, and the audiences for whom the research study will be written. This chapter should help proposal developers decide whether a qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods design is suitable for their studies.

This study is done by using qualitative method. The writer uses this method because the data that is used by the the writer consist of words instead of numbers, and the regularities found in the

data will be explained in detail. Qualitative data analysis can take a wide variety of forms, it differs from quantitative research in its focus on language, sign and meaning.

### **The Data**

The writer focuses on Robert Frost's poems especially "Fire and Ice", "In a Disused Graveyard", "The Death of The Hired Man". The main data taken from *Classic Poetry Series – Robert Frost Poem*

The data in this research is taken from Robert Frost poem, which only concern to analyze figure of speech and theme death in "Fire and Ice", "In a Disused Graveyard", "The Death of The Hired Man" poems.

### **Data Collection**

There are some steps that will be applied to analyze Robert Frost's poems in this case. The procedure of the data analysis are: downloading Robert Frost poem in *Classic Poetry Series – Robert Frost Poem*, Reading and comprehending Robert Frost's poems, looking for poetry about death in Robert Frost's poems, choosing poetry "Fire and Ice", "In a Disused Graveyard", "The Death of Hired Man" about death in Robert Frost's poems, comprehending "Fire and Ice", "In a Disused Graveyard", "The Death of Hired Man" by Robert Frost's poems

### **Data Analysis Technique**

Data analysis is a way or technique to analyze the data. It is very determine for next chapter. The writer choose qualitative method, this analysis are analyzing verses in poems. Creswell (2009 : 17) states Qualitative approaches to data collection, analysis, interpretation, and report writing differ from the traditional, quantitative approaches. Purposeful sampling, collection of open-ended data, analysis of text or pictures, representation of information in figures and tables, and personal interpretation of the findings all inform qualitative procedures. There are some criteria that will be applied to analyze in this study. The procedures of the data analysis are: identifying data in Robert Frost's poems, finding the figure of speech and theme death in Robert Frost "Fire and Ice", "In a Disused Graveyard", "The Death of Hired Man" poems, concluding the figure of speech and theme death in Robert Frost "Fire and Ice", "In a Disused Graveyard", "The Death of Hired Man" poems.

## **DATA ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION**

In this chapter, the writer will analyze and discuss the figure of speech and symbol and meaning of death in Robert Frost poem by using the procedure of data analysis stated in the Chapter III.

### **The Figures of Speech and The Meaning In The Poem**

There are so many poets who create the beautiful works and make the people amazed with their works. Poem is the beautiful literary works with it is rhyme and rhythm. It has deep meaning and riddle for every single word, it makes wonder for reader then try to comprehend. Sometime people read poem without knowing and understanding what the meaning of the verse, it will useless and people can not get the lesson from it. So that is why, people have to know and learn figure of speech in this poem, will be make easy when we know so true as meaning it. Holman & Harmon (1980:203) states The various uses of language that depart from customary construction, order, or significance in order to achieve special effects or meanings.

There are three poems "Fire and Ice", "In a Disused Graveyard", "The Death of The Hired Man":

### **Fire and Ice Poems**

"Fire and Ice" poem is included in expository poem. It tells about how the worlds end, perish of the world. The author explains the two possibilities which can make all living things in this earth come to an end. The possibilities are fire and ice, which have contrast differences, which will end global

warming or freezing like ice. He tells that he choose the way of world end by the fire with, because he had taste the destruction of fire. Perish of the world with fire more beautiful than with cold ice. He also tells the power of ice was destructive. If he got second chance to taste the end of the world, he would know enough of hate, because the world would be destroyed by the ice. All in "Fire and Ice" poem is explained by Robert Frost about the taste, about the process of the way he will die, or see the world end in pity condition, weather it is by fire or ice. The two powers can make a great doomsday for world and all living creature in earth.

There are figure of speech in Fire and Ice, those are anaphor, assonance, antithesis, symbol.

### **Anaphora**

Anaphora can be found in these lines: 1 and 2

- (1) Some say the world will end in fire
- (2) Some say in ice

This poem contains anaphora because the poet repeats the word "some say" in beginning this sentence. The poet use the word "some say" than once to make the meaning stronger and describes that between the line has correlation each other using "some say" in that poem.

The meaning of figures of speech in this poem, the poet is repeat sentence in beginning and these sentence are: (1) "some say", (2) "some say" would like tells he describes about confuse for choosing where is ending the life or see the world ends in pity condition between fire and ice, and none couldn't choose like what they want it. Some say someone wants to die in a cold place with feeling hate of world, but some say someone want to die with set on fire with feeling desire of world.

### **Assonance**

Assonance can be found in these lines: 3 and 4

- (3) From what I've tasted of desire
- (4) I hold with those who favor fire

This poem contains assonance because this sentence is assonance there is repetition of a vowel sound. He wants to express himself in this poetry while still in poetic style of the existing rules.

The poet is repeat word in these sentence are : (3)"desire" (4) "fire" .The meaning of figures of speech is a vowel sound to make beautiful poem.

### **Antithesis**

Antithesis can be found in these lines: 1 and 2

- (1) Some say the world will end in fire
- (2) Some say in ice

This poem contains antithesis because this sentence is balancing of contrasts in words or ideas. This poet using contrast the sentence for express and describe that every human have different mind but the line still has correlation in next sentence.

The meaning of figures of speech in this poem, the poet would tells he doubt on his believe. "Some say the world will end in fire", fire is hot and be burning the earth, where is in everywhere volcanic eruption . And " Some say in ice", some say in ice has become a metaphor, that ice is illustrate frozen in everywhere because the energy as the main source has been exhausted. Fire is the antithesis of ice.

## **Symbols**

There are 4 symbols of death found in these lines : 1, 2,5

- (1) Some say the world will end in fire
- (2) Some say in ice
- (5) But if it had to perish twice

This poem contains symbol because this sentence is to express the poet's mind. In this poem, the poet used the word "fire", "ice", "perish" and world makes the meaning of this poem more mysteriously and dramatic reader.

The meaning of figure of speech in symbol to expresses the poet's mind. The first phase is (1) fire; its hot, burning the earth. The second phase is (2) ice; its cold and frozen. The ice could destroy the earth if the energy as main source has been exhausted. The third phase is (5) perish; its die. Every human in the world will be die but different time and places.

## **In a Disused Graveyard Poems**

"In a Disused Graveyard" tells about that this poem is all about how the dead are never forgotten by the living. The living point the idea that they visit the graveyard often, getting grass on their feet a lot as they go to the graves of the death. The gravestones are death claiming more of the living will be buried and forgotten in the graves there. Although the men hate to die, they can not stay away with death. And yet death is noticing and keeping time that no one is being buried, that no one dead is coming anymore. Even in death, we are alive if the living still remember and see our graves and never forget us. We sometimes feel worse when we remember death will eventually come. Death of someone is random like marbles rhyme, even we never know when dying comes to us. Every human comes and goes the graveyard for present to funeral, but they never realize someday they will be here for rest in peace with gravestone forever.

There are figure of speech in In a Disused Graveyard, those are antithesis, personification, assonance, anaphor, symbol.

### **Antithesis**

Antithesis can be found in these lines: 6 and 7

- (6) The ones who living come today
- (7) To read the stone and go away

This poem contains antithesis because this sentence is balancing of contrasts in words or ideas. The poet using contrast the sentence for express and describe that every human have different mind but the line still has correlation in next sentence.

The meaning of figures of speech in this poem, the poet would tells every human who alive come to the funeral, they witness of burial and just read the gravestone then go away. The gravestones are death claiming more of the living will be buried and forgotten in the graves there.

### **Personification**

Personification can be found in these lines: 3

- (3) The graveyard draws the living still

This poem contains personification because the poet use something express his mind, in this poem he use draws and say and say to assigning human characteristic to non human object. It makes the meaning in this poem more live and romantic to the reader.

The meaning of figure of speech all of us had been knows that the graveyard is non human can not draws people. We sometimes feel worse when we remember death will eventually come, but still

we can not help but wonder what will happen at our death. The poet wants to tell us that there is really deep meaning in this poem.

### **Assonance**

Assonance can be found in these lines: 2, 3 , 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11

- (2) To read the gravestones on the hill;
- (3) The graveyard draws the living still
- (7) To read the stone and go away
- (8) Tomorrow dead will come to stay”
- (9) So sure of death the marbles rhyme,
- (10) Yet can’t help marking all the time
- (11) How no one dead will seem to come

This poem contains assonance because this sentence is assonance there is repetition of a vowel sound. He wants to express himself in this poetry while still in poetic style of the existing rules

The poet is repeat vowel sound word in these sentence are : (2)“hill”, (3) “still”,(7) “away” ,(8) “stay” ,(9) “rhyme” ,(10) “time” and (11)“come”. The meaning of figures of speech is vowel sound to make beautiful poem.

### **Anaphora**

Anaphora can be found in these lines : 14 and 15

- (14) And tell the stones : men hate to die
- (15) And have stopped dying now forever

This poem contains anaphora because the poets repeat the word “and” in beginning this sentence. The poet use the word “and” than once the meaning stronger and describes that between the line has correlation each other using “and” in that poem and gives the stronger meaning for the reader.

The meaning of figures of speech in this poem, there is two sentences are: (14) “And tell the stones : men hate to die” , (15) “And have stopped dying now forever”. The poet would tell he the reader describes the things. Sentence (14) “And tell the stones : men hate to die” , and (15) “And have stopped dying now forever” are describes that’s human hate with dying and if they can speak with angel of death, they want said that they will stop the death and want to immortal.

### **Symbols**

There are 5 symbols of death found in these lines : 1, 2, 9, 14

- (1) To read the gravestones on the hill;
- (2) The graveyard draws the living still
- (9) So sure of death the marbles rhyme,
- (14) And tell the stones : men hate to die

This poem contains symbol because this sentence is to express the poet’s mind. In this poem, the poet used the word “grave”, “marbles”, “tread”, “stones” makes the meaning of this poem more mysteriously and dramatic for the reader.

The meaning of figure of speech in symbol to expresses the poet’s mind. The first phase is (1) tread; its born, we can not deny that every human always have begin and ending in this world, like born and death are two words can not separated. The second phase is (2) grave; its when life ends, death strips them all of the robes that distinguished one from the other, and equal with land. The third phase is (14) stones; its gravestone. When someone come to the graveyard even just pass every block, they will read the title on gravestone because wondering about happened with corpse. The fourth phase is (9) marbles; it is world. The symbol of world as marbles because shape from marble is circle. Every human in this world certain will die but different time and place.

### **The Death of Hired Man**

“The Death of Hired Man” tells about an old man working to Warren and Mary (couple). Warren is ordinary man and his wife turn into a philosophically significant debate. The wife represents

love and sympathy, emotion and imagination. The husband is a practical modern man who regards and respects people in term of their work, worth, and contribution. Silas is old man and as laborer at Warren's home without considering how and when he can be of the best 'use' to others, or even to himself. He has become old and unable to work. He has got a brother who is a director in the bank, but probably prefers dignity to a well to do brother. He probably prefers a free and independent life most of all. Warren's complaint is that this old fellow goes away precisely when he is most needed, he comes in off season and goes when the time arrives for work. But the old man does not seem to understand that. But Mary is very care and love with Silas. Into the old man Silas, has come for the last time, he is exhausted and dying.

There are figure of speech uses in The Death of the Hired Man poem, those are paradox, litotes, hyperbole, simile, irony, symbol.

### **Paradox**

Paradox can be found in these lines : 103, 104

(103) And nothing to look backward to with pride

(104) And nothing to look forward to with hope

This poem contains paradox because these sentence is occurs in statement contradiction, but that is true or on reflection make some sense. Look that the sentence is really and reflection.

The meaning of figures of speech, in these sentence are (103) "And nothing to look backward to with pride", (104) "And nothing to look forward to with hope" these means Silas is very care with everybody but none admit that Silas is kindly man, included his Silas's brother.

### **Litotes**

Litotes can be found in lines: 19, 20, 21, 140.

(19) He thinks he ought to earn a little pay

(20) Enough at least to buy tobacco with

(21) So he won't have to beg and be beholden

(140 ) He may be better than appearances

This poem contains litotes because these sentence is a form of understatement in which a thing is affirmed by stating negative of its opposite. Although a common device like ironic expression, litotes was also one of the characteristic figures of speech of English Poetry.

The meaning of figures of speech in the sentences and the meaning are different. The poet explain in these sentence are: (19) "He thinks he ought to earn a little pay" (20) "Enough at least to buy tobacco with" .(21) "So he won't have to beg and be beholden" it's means Silas is a good employee and he is a poor old man, it is should be Silas resign and looking for a new job for get better salary. And (140) "He may be better than appearances" it's mean Silas is a honest man although sometimes he careless in his job because he is an old man.

### **Hyperbole**

Hyperbole can be found in these lines: 41, 74, 114, 142, 154.

(41) He didn't say. I dragged him to the house

(74) Well, those days trouble Silas like a dream

(114)" Warren," she said, "he has come home to die"

(142) If he'd had any pride in claiming kin

(154) No, but he hurt my heart the way he lay

These poems contain hyperbole because there is exaggeration. It maybe uses to magnify a fact or an emotion in such as to attribute great importance to it. In other uses some ironic hyperbole may and have the final effect of deflating the significance or the matter treated.



The meaning of figure of speech in the poets expresses his story in this poem (41) "He didn't say. I dragged him to the house", this sentence the author tells Warren invite Silas to come home again when there is somebody care to Silas. (74) "Well, those days trouble Silas like a dream", this sentence the author tells that Silas can pass through when troubles time. (114) "" Warren," she said, "he has come home to die", this sentence the author tells that Marry talk to Warren that Silas was rest in peace in God's home. (142) "If he'd had any pride in claiming kin", this sentence tells that none love Silas because his pity condition. (154) "No, but he hurt my heart the way he lay", this sentence tells that Marry was shocked by Silas was suddenly dying.

### **Simile**

Simile can be found in these lines: 74, 96.

(74) Well, those days trouble Silas like a dream

(96) He takes it out in bunches like big birds' nests

These poems contain simile because the poet uses word "as" and "like" in that poem to compare how big the problems. So the words "as" and "like" make that poem express his big problem. The poet uses "as" and "like" to make the poem more irony for the reader.

The meaning of the figure of speech the poet is compare between (74) "like a dream", this use of a simile helps show the reader that Silas is attempting desperately to change, the dream was message and he get the learn from the trouble all spent his life. (96) "like big birds nests", the author use of a simile because it is another way to correlate the idea of a home with that of Silas, because bird's nest is a bird's home so that is another hint to show the reader that the farm is Silas's home since the hay that looks like the bird's nests was the hay from Warren's farms.

### **Irony**

Irony can be found in these lines: 29.

(29) "In haying time, when any help is scarce".

This poem contains irony because there is intend in line 29 expressed in words that carry the opposite meaning. The sentence "in haying time", "when any help is scare" make poem want to give special attention for the reader in the meaning of the poem.

The meaning of figure of speech in the sentence and the meaning are different. The poets explain in that sentence that he is scare, but in meaning he really needs help by Silas in haying time.

### **Personification**

Personification can be found in these lines: 74

(74) Well, those days troubles Silas like a dream

This poem contains personification because the poet use something express his mind, in this poem he use draws and say and say to assigning human characteristic to non human object. It makes the meaning in this poem more live and romantic to the reader.

The meaning of figure of speech all of us had been knows that the day was not troublemaker for human. It is describe about careless of Silas in everyday and then he could pass through with struggle. The poet wants to tell us that there is really deep meaning in this poem.

### **Symbols**

There are symbols of death found in these lines : 106, 108, 131, 114, 113, 167, 171.

- (106) Part of the moon falling down to the west  
(108) Its light poured softly in her lap. She saw  
(131) As the road winds would bring him to his door  
(114) "Warren", she said, "he has come home to die"  
(113) That wrought on him beside her in the night  
(167) I'll sit and see if that small sailing cloud  
(171) The moon, the little silver cloud, and she

This poem contains symbol because this sentence is to express the poet's mind. In this poem, the poet used the word "moon", "west", "home", "road", "wind", "night", "cloud", "silver", "light" makes the meaning of this poem more mysteriously and dramatic for the reader.

The meaning of figure of speech in symbol to expresses the poet's mind. The first phase is (106) moon; its feminine symbols. Marry lose of Silas that night. The second phase is (106) west; its gloom or dusk. Silas is dying. The third phase is (114) home; its destination. Silas rest in peace in God's home. The fourth phase is (131) road; its journey. The long journey brings Silas to the last rest peace in heaven. Silas was dying. The fifth phase is (131) wind; its spirit of God. The winds take the Silas's souls out from his body. Silas was dying. The sixth phase is (113) night; its madness. The condition of Marry was very sadness because Silas was death. She already prepare funeral for Silas. The seventh phase is (167) cloud; a cloud can be anything that prevents vision. Since in Greek terms life is seeing the light as well as being seen in the light, death comes as a cloud. Death suddenly come to Silas and brings his soul to another world and dimension. The eight phase is (171) silver; its sad. Marry feeling was sadness loss of Silas. The nine phase is (108) light; its hope. Marry so hopefully that Silas can be healthy again.

### **Theme of Death In "Fire and Ice", "In a Disused Graveyard", "The Death of The Hired Man"**

This is sub chapter, the writer analyzes and also describes theme of death in three poems.

#### **Fire and Ice Poems**

Fire and Ice is a poem tells about the world which will be end by fire and by ice. As shown in the figure of speech anaphora "some say the world will end in fire", "some say in ice"; it is not about chosen, the author has powerful reasons not using or as describe the ending of the world, because both of them have equal level for ending of the world. "Some say the world will end in fire"; "some" in this poem is some people believe in their religion that the end of the world by fire, where the fire is hot, it describes a doomsday that in that day there will be volcanic eruption out of the fire and make the world is hot. Hot lava jumped scattered and flow. That some people believe the world will end with forest fires because eruption, where the lava melted in the earth and become one with land. Everywhere is closed by lava and on fire. Every trees on fire, the building, cars, house, too. Even the river can not draws the fire and make vanish, because every mountains of lava spewing all. No place for protection because the fire is destroying everything.

"Some say in ice"; some in second phrase is some other people. Who referred by author is scientists. In that time, the scientist opined that we live where the solar system is the sun as the primary source, as well as stars. The scientist found there is a new star after the star dead. When the solar systems are exhausted, there is no balancing for the sun keeping the warm for the earth. Therefore if the energy as the main source has been exhausted, there will be ice everywhere and ended in our solar system which ended in world.

Every living creature never knows how death ways will the ending of life. In universe no one knows when and how doom day comes because death is mysterious for living creature.

### **In a Disused Graveyard Poems**

This poem tells about the disused graveyard where all of people do not want to stay inside the land, it means they do not want to face the death. Every human was created and grown by God, every living creature has born in the world and death is the natural event for human being in the world. So, both life and death can not separate.

As shown in the figure of speech assonance “So sure of death the marbles rhyme”, “Yet can’t help marking all the time”, “How no one dead will seem to come”. People born in this world, sets foot and walk to the beat of life. Sometimes not in accordance with the desire expectations, that is where we can take a lesson. In life there is a lesson and a message to everyone. When death is mysterious for human on earth. Many people who seek to deny the death. Looking for a way how to escapes from the reality. The scientist, the smart person and fortune - teller can not know and can not marking the death for them selves. No one is capable of knowing death except God. Death is inevitable for living creature. Death was created to give a message for people who are still alive. Though unexpected the arrival for people, some people before die, he may feel that death will come closer. There were giving impressions and messages to family. But for those who are still alive death is scary moment for remember of lifetime.

“In a Disused Graveyard” is the final resting place. Located on a hill that sometimes approached by mourners to attend a funeral ceremony. Came then went to watch the funeral. Witness the burial has a separate massage for people who are still alive. However who life would be death. But many people who deny about death and tried various ways to escape from death. Death in this world is certain and cannot be denied again. People can not mark someone or see someone from the appearance, trait, classed just to find out who are the next dead. No one of that can see the coming of death, although people do not die. Death will come to alive.

### **The Death of The Hired Man**

The death of the hired man tells about married couple (Marry and Warren) who have a different opinion about Silas. Silas was an employee who is very old and has long worked in their homes, although paid low salaries. Marry and Warren, they have become part of Silas for a long time. Silas had cousin but they not good in relation. Silas more enjoy share everything with Mary and Warren, and at one time Silas came to their home with bad condition and dying.

As shown in the figure of speech hyperbole ” Warren," she said, "he has come home to die”. The death of Silas may seem sudden for Marry and Warren. Moreover Marry was very pity with economic condition of Silas. Mary never questioned the work of Silas in her home. Mary realized that Silas is the parents who actually had to retire. Silas is the poor old man and he not has family. A few days ago Warren order him for quit and ask Silas for looking good job and high salary for fulfill his economic but the poor old man rejected. And Warren got shocked too, when Warren came home and Mary told about Silas. Then Marry ask to Warren for look in the back room (Silas’s bedroom), what is the condition Silas. When Warren back then notify to Marry that Silas is dead. They both shocked after knowing. Silas’s dedication is mean for them, death is stop Silas’s spirit. Because age of make end time.

The author indicates the theme of death at this poem. On sentence “Warren," she said, "he has come home to die” ; conversation between Marry and Warren about Silas who came to their home with dying. Marry said to her husband and tells condition Silas more and more bad. Before Warren comes, Marry has tried to help Silas dying and in the end he could not beat death at his age. "Dead," was all he answered.”; when Warren was wondering with what has happened on that night before he comes, finally Warren toward to Silas’s bedroom door and Warren said Silas was dead.

### **CONCLUSION**

According to the data analysis and discussion in the chapter 4, the writer would like to conclude this research as follows. There are some types of figure of speech found in Robert Frost’s poems, they are : antithesis, irony, metaphor, paradox, simile, symbol, personification, anaphora, assonance, litotes and hyperbole. The theme of this thesis is about death. “Fire and Ice”, “In a Disused Graveyard”, “The Death of The Hired Man” are tells that the come of death is unpredictable, and everyone have different

situation for face it. The theme of death remains us all that every life on earth will be death. We cannot be immortal and escape from the death because death is must for a living creature. Many theories support about death for living creature, and one of theory which supports the existence of death is Rinpoche's theory. Rinpoche's theory support this data for explain about death. Nature on this earth has always had processes for keep balancing. As the same like human life for keep balancing,

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