

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is something that is used to express to someone's feeling, thought, and it can make people who write or listen become interested. It is a part of people's experience about love, life, or condition or situation in their environment. Moreover, people always get experience in everyday activity as the process of developing themselves. Hudson stated that,

literature is a vital record of what men have seen in this life, what they have experienced of it, what they have thought and felt about those aspects of it which have the most immediate enduring interest for all of us (1965: 10).

It means that people record or write what they have seen in this life, from their experience, what they think or feel those aspect.

There are some kinds of literary works. One of them is poetry. Poetry is the expression of the poet's own mind, feeling, imagination and experience. Poetry has more variation and has to do with feeling.

Wilfred Owen was one of the best writer in British, he write some of poetry on World War I. First World War occurred in year 1914-1918. World War is also called the Global War because it involves many countries throughout the world. It has claimed many military casualties killed in war. As depicted in the book *World History* by O'Brien "The costs of the war were incalculable; the direct cost was perhaps two hundred billion dollars and the indirect cost in human suffering, property damage, and loss of trade cannot be estimated" (1945: 582).

Fall victim in a state of dead, missing, injured even with the circumstances that are experiencing severe disabled. Disabled is a state in which a person experiences physical imperfect since they were born, or caused an accident that happened to him.

Owen was a soldier who got the disabled effect of war. Some of his literary work that depicts a state of war, his experience, and the story itself is experiencing disability contained in some of his poems. Some of his poems are *Dulce et Decorum Est*, *S.I.W (Self-Inflicted-Wound)*, *Anthem for Doomed Youth*, *Disabled*, and many more. *Anthem for Doomed Youth* and *Dulce et Decorum Est* are the most important poems. Those poems describe horrible circumstances of war, the physical landscapes that surrounded him, and the human body in relation. (*“Wilfred Owen”* <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems-and-poets/detail/wilfred-owen> accessed on March, 28<sup>th</sup> 2017)

The research focuses on Owen’s “Disabled”. It tells about Owen feelings, condition and the situation after he is diagnosed with shell shock. This poem tells about the condition arising after sustain disabled. Many people stay away. There is no one who want to meet him. In the past, his fans praised him as the famous football player.

Poetry can be analyzed from the figure of speech, metaphor that found in a poem. Through metaphor the reader can understand the meaning in a poem. It can be used to express the feeling or expressions of the writer. Therefore, the researcher discusses further how the image of depression which is reflected through the metaphor in a poem by Wilfred Owen focused in “Disabled” poem.

The researcher chooses “Disabled” because it describes about the effect after war. The effect that is suffered on his physical, his psychological, and his life.

### **1.2 Statement of the Problem**

To conduct this research entitled “The Portrait of Depression Seen through Metaphor in Wilfred Owen’s Disabled”, the researcher has two main problems. They are:

1. What are the portrait of depression as seen through metaphor that reveals the irony of the past & the future of a disabled soldier in Wilfred Owen’s “Disabled”?
2. What is the symbol that reveals depression in Wilfred Owen’s “Disabled”?

### **1.3 Objective of the Study**

To make the reader understand about the discussion, the research aims as follow:

1. To explain the portrait of depression seen through metaphor that reveals the irony of past & future which is found in Wilfred Owen’s “Disabled”.
2. To explain clearly about the symbol dealing with depression in Wilfred Owen’s “Disabled”.

### **1.4 Limitation of the Problem**

This research only uses one poem as the data. The poem written by Wilfred Owen entitled “Disabled”. In relation with the topic, the researcher will give limitation for the research. Its purpose is to avoid confusing discussion. This

research focuses on some lines which contain of metaphor that express depression in “Disabled” poem. Besides the metaphor, the researcher tries to find out the symbol that is derived from the metaphor dealing with depression.

### **1.5 Significance of the Study**

The researcher hopes that this analysis will give some advantages to the reader. The writer realizes that the poem is written not only to communicate some information that exist in this poem but also bring a sense of life as well. The researcher hopes that the reader will understand the poet’s feelings. Understanding about the effect after war that happens in his life. Furthermore, the researcher hopes that this analysis will be useful for the reader. This analysis can make the researcher becomes more understand about metaphor. Additionally, the researcher wishes the other researcher can use this research for their references.