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This research is aimed to analyze (1) the meaning of symbols of death denotatively in the poems "I Heard a Fly Buzz when I Died", and "There's Been a Death in the Opposite House" (2) the meaning of symbols of death connotatively in the poem "I Heard a Fly Buzz when I Died" and "There's Been a Death in the Opposite House". This is a library research in which all the data and the theories are taken from written forms including internet browsing. The theories used in this study are the theories of denotative, connotative and symbol. Moreover, structural approach is taken to decide the strategy in analyzing the symbols found in the poems and also in describing the denotative meaning and connotative meaning. The analysis shows that there are ten symbols in "I Heard a Fly Buzz when I Died" such as *a fly, the stillness, the storm, the eyes, keepsakes, the onset, the king, blue, light and windows*. They are divided into three main discussions namely, symbols of death related to corpse, to family, and to the last life or death itself. Moreover, in the second poem "There's Been a Death in the Opposite House", there are eight symbols of death which are related to the sign of gloomy day, undertaker and the burial. The eight symbols are, *numb look, rustle, fling, stiffly, milliner and the man, dark parade, tassels and coaches*.

ABSTRAK

ROSALIA IRA ERNIYATI. (2015). “DENOTATIVE AND CONNOTATIVE MEANING OF SYMBOL OF DEATH IN EMILY DICKINSON POEM” I HEARD A FLY BUZZ WHEN I DIED” AND THERE’S BEEN A DEATH IN THE OPPOSITE HOUSE”

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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis (1) makna simbol kematian secara denotasi dalam puisi "I Heard a Fly Buzz When I Died", dan "There's Been a Death in the Opposite House" (2) makna symbol kematian secara konotasi "I Heard a Fly Buzz When I Died", dan "There's Been a Death in the Opposite House" penelitian ini menggunakan studi pustaka di mana semua data dan teori-teori yang diambil dari bentuk tertulis termasuk browsing internet. Teori yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini mencakup teori makna denotasi, konotasi dan simbol. Pendekatan struktural digunakan sebagai strategi untuk menganalisis simbol – simbol yang ditemukan dalam puisi dan untuk menjelaskan makna dari simbol secara denotasi dan konotasi. Analisis menunjukkan bahwa: (1) ada sepuluh simbol kematian yang di artikan secara konotasi dan denotasi dalam puisi "I Heard a Fly Buzz When I Died" seperti *a fly, the stillness, the storm, the eyes, keepsakes, the onset, the king, blue, light* dan *windows*. Mereka akan dibagi menjadi tiga diskusi utama yaitu simbol kematian yang berhubungan dengan mayat, simbol kematian yang berhubungan dengan keluarga, dan simbol kematian yang berhubungan dengan kehidupan terakhir atau kematian itu sendiri. Simbol kematian juga terdapat dalam puisi "There's Been a Death in the Opposite House" dan terbagi dalam tiga pokok diskusi diantaranya, simbol kematian yang berhubungan dengan hari yang suram, pengurus pemakaman dan penguburan. Ada delapan simbol kematian yang akan di analisis di dalam puisi ini, seperti, *numb look, rustle, fling, stiffly, milliner and the man, dark parade, tassels* dan *coaches*.

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