CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

There are some kinds of literary works. They are novel, drama, and poetry. In this research, poetry is analyzed. In poetry, people can be find many interesting things, such as the figure of speech used in the poems, the form of the poems, the rhymes of the poems, the ideas of the poems, the symbols used in the poems, the imagery of the poems and so on. According to Gibbs's opinion, "Poetry is words which are arranged in a regular pattern of rhymed and accented line or the art of writing of literary words in metrical form (2007: 2). It means that poetry consists of ideas which are full imagination. It is arranged into beautiful rhyming. According to Flanagan's opinion, "Poetry is an imaginative awareness of experience expressed through meaning, sound, rhythmic, language choices so as to evoke an emotional response (2009:23). It clarifies that poetry is also a story experienced by the poet who tells an emotional responses and are delivered through good dictions. Those things make poetry interesting and beautiful. The reader can discover their own interpretation based on their feeling.

Generally, a poem is collection of words which is used to express the poet's emotion or idea so that the readers can understand the content of the poem and the intention of the poet in writing the poems. A poem is written in order to please the readers. By reading the poems, the readers' emotion, feeling, and imagination can be directly aroused.

The poem discussed in the research is written by William Wordsworth. He is a famous English poet in Romantic period. Wordsworth's literary career began with *Descriptive Sketches* (1793) and reached an early climax before the turn of the century, with *Lyrical Ballads*. His powers peaked with *Poems in Two Volumes* (1807), and his reputation continued to grow; even his harshest reviewers recognized his popularity and the originality. Romantic period happened in the end of the 18th century, it was from 1800 to 1850. Romantic period describes the different life between the poor people who live in the lowest class and the highest people who live in luxury life. Most of his literary works express the beauty of nature. Beauty of nature is contrasted with fate of man. In this poem, the speaker suggests that man's inhumanity appears even darker when it is compared to the pristine beauty and purity of nature that the speaker moves through. William Wordsworth's poems present the deep feelings and emotion of him.

The researcher is interested in analyzing "I wandered lonely as a cloud". The poem tells loneliness. Speaker feels that way since there is no one who accompanies him. Consequently, speaker spends the rest of his life by writing poems about the beauty of nature. Researcher uses visual imagery, organic imagery, kinesthetic and symbols to analyze the poem, loneliness.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

In line with the topic of the discussion in the research entitled "Imagery and symbol portraying the loneliness in William Wordsworth's "I wandered

lonely as a cloud", the researcher would like to present the two main problems which are going to be analyzed. These are the following problems:

1. What are the imageries portraying loneliness in William Wordsworth's "I wandered lonely as a cloud"?
2. What are the symbols portraying loneliness in William Wordsworth's "I wandered lonely as a cloud"?

1.3 Objective of the Study

To find the answer for the problems that have been formulated before, the researcher determines two important objectives of the study. They are as follow:

1. To find out the imageries portraying loneliness in William Wordsworth's "I wandered lonely as a cloud".
2. To find out the symbols portraying loneliness in William Wordsworth's "I wandered lonely as a cloud".

1.4 Scope of the Study

In this case, the researcher analyzes the poem entitled "I wandered lonely as a cloud" written by William Wordsworth. To avoid a complicated discussion, in analyzing this poem, the researcher only pays attention to visual imagery, organic imagery, kinesthetic and symbols portrayed in the poem.

1.5 Significance of the Study

Hopefully, this research will be useful for the other researchers who want to analyze the imageries and symbols. The researcher also tends to enrich the knowledge about literary work, especially about William Wordsworth's "I wandered Lonely as a cloud". It may be considered as additional source for those who are interested in studying literature and also in understanding literary work from the different points of view.