

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSION



Love is a feeling that is difficult to express by words, but love can be expressed by attention given more and more. Sometimes love can be expressed by writing a poem. In this thesis, in order to get the theme of love the writer finds out the connotative and denotative meanings in John Updike's *My Children at the Dump* and *Subway Love*. In this thesis the writer also finds the symbols of love in John Updike's *My Children at the Dump* and *Subway Love*. In several poems the poet uses many symbols of love to express his or her feeling of love. The writer finds so many symbols of love in John Updike's poems entitled "*My Children at the Dump*" and "*Subway Love*".

The theme of love in John Updike's *My Children at the Dump* poem is the paternal love. Paternal love is the affection of parents for the child. Paternal love prepares the child for the perplexing problem of peer adjustment by providing him with basic feeling of security and trust. The poet has to struggle his love to his children, although he has been divorced by his wife. He wants to love and show affection freely to his children, although his wife always gives many rules. He does not want to lose his beloved children so much.

The theme of love in John Updike's *Subway Love* poem is romantic love. Romantic love is love to a particular person with a different sex and followed by desire. Meanwhile, there are pleasure and pain love. Someone who falls in love feels brave to face many risks in their love such as, in the happy and

sad situations. Negress loves her husband very much until death separates them. She always keeps the beautiful moment in her heart. She can accept her suffering, although she always get curses and obscenities from the other persons that see her. She is always seen contemptibly by the other person. She always disparage by the other persons because of poor and sooty. She has to face her problems herself because her husband has already rest in peace.

The writer finds many symbols of love in John Updike's *My Children at the Dump* poem, for example: in line 20, "**the broken glass**" symbolizes the broken household. The word "**glass**" means the household. The author wants to express his feeling. He does not want his wife to make the situation become more difficult. He thinks that children need more attention, love, and affection. He tries to give it to his children between his times. The author has to give attention to his children although his wife tries to keep their children away from him. In line 23, "**flags of cellophane**" describes the visible limitations. The author realizes that his love to his children must be faced an obstacle. He feels difficult to meet his children because his wife always makes limitation and rules. In line 24, "**The seagulls weep**" means that his children are weeping. His children become sad because they can not meet freely with their father. They are always missing togetherness with their parents. They want to get attention, love, and affection from their parents.

The writer finds many symbols of love in John Updike's *Subway Love* poem, for example: In line 5, "**beauty should never be bored**" describes that beautiful and sweet memories are never boring. The beautiful love is never boring

because the love that is felt by Negress is so deeply. She saves many sweet memories about her husband. Her husband is so meaningful in her life. Because of these memories, she can face many risks and problems in her life. She realizes that her life is so hard, and she has to survive to face the world. In line 15, **“Eyelids are petals of shadow”** describes that her eyelid becomes hollow eyes. She has to face her problems and her risks by herself without her love that has always been besides her. After her husband has passed away, her physical condition has changes drastically. Before her husband died, she was a beautiful woman; but now her eyelids become hollow eyes. In line 21, **“bold your name in love”** describes that she carves her husband’s name in her heart with love. Negress always keeps her love to her husband in her heart and makes it as an unforgettable beautiful memory of her life. In this way, she is able to face the problems in life. It is proven that love is freedom. Love is pure. She proves and shows that her love to her husband so deeply. She can face her problem by herself.

Love happens in every human being in many kinds of situation. No one can stop it. Love dominates man and woman who love each other until death separates them. The feeling of love can influence someone in many matters, e.g. religion, behavior, attitude, and so forth. Love is being honest, being honest with own self and others. Love is reality. Love can feel what other feel. Love is sacrifice. Love is the most important emotion that the one will ever have. Love is taking and giving in a daily situation.

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