

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is closely related to life because it is the work of human being. *In an Introduction to the Study of Literature*, Hudson states that "Literature is a vital record of what men have seen in live. What they have thought and left about those aspects of it which have the most immediate and enduring interest for all of us"(1965:10). It means that literature is a medium to express the human experience in real life and it can be interesting for pleasure.

Poetry is one of literary branches because literature itself can be divided into three branches; there are poetry, drama and prose. Poetry itself is the oldest from of literature (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_Poem.Accesed on March 17th 2009) Poetry appears in the old English period and still exists until now. In other opinion, Kennedy states that, "poetry is a systematical composition of words expressing an attitude, design to surprise and to arouse on emotional response" (1966: 411). In other words, poetry is full of imagination and more variation. The people have already understood when they read and got the significant messages.

Robert Frost was born 26 March 1874 in San Francisco, California ([http://www http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Frost](http://www.http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Frost).Is taken on March 17th 2009). Frost's poems show deep appreciation of natural world and sensibility about the human aspirations. His images - woods, stars, houses, brooks, - are usually taken

from everyday life. With his down-to-earth approach to his subjects, readers found it is easy to follow the poet into deeper truths, without being burdened with pedantry.

The writer chooses the Robert Frost's Poems entitled "Out, Out—" and "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" because they are unique to discuss. Robert Frost in his poem entitled "Out Out --" tells about the fragility of human being, while in "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening", he describes about the loneliness. The writer chooses these poems because they have the same theme that shows the influence of humanity aspect such as the fragility of human being and loneliness. Human being as the unique creature has two sides of humanity namely dark and bright sides. The writer is interested in the Robert Frost's style to choose the dark side of humanity. The writer finds it in those poems. Besides, these poems use the nature as the way to portray the aspect of humanity. Robert Frost wants the readers of his poems to learn the wisdom of nature and to respect the humanity. That is way the writer is quite interested in analyzing the topic intended.

1.2 Statements of the Problems

In line with the topic of discussion in this research, two problems are formulated as follows:

1. What kinds of humanity portrayed in "Out Out--" and "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening"?

2. What do the symbols dealing with humanity symbolize?

1.3 Limitation of the Problem

The writer limits the problems into two parts. The first, the writer focuses on the kinds of humanity that are portrayed in “Out Out--” and “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening”. The second, the writer focuses on the symbol dealing with humanity issue in those poems.

1.4 Objectives of the Study

The writer divides the reasons which are used to answer the problems of study. They are formulated as follows:

1. To understand what kinds of humanity portrayed on Robert Frost’s poem “Out Out—” and “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening”.
2. To explain the symbol dealing with the issue of humanity.

1.5 Significance of the Study

The writer wants to make the readers have deeper and more comprehensive understanding of the issue of the humanity. By understanding the problems, which happen in this poem, the readers can consider literary works not only as means of entertainment, but also means of communicative values, moral teaching, and so forth. Besides, the readers can have different point of view to analyze the issue of the humanity. Moreover, the writer also learns about the humanity which has many aspects to be seen, and understands how to respect the

humanity. Furthermore the writer and the readers are able to widen and enrich their imagination that has correlation with real life. It means that they can understand many aspects of humanity through the Robert Frost's poems entitled "Out- Out—"and "Stopping By Woods On a Snowy Evening".