

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is a writing valued as works of art that used to express life. It is a work that conveys thought, feeling, experiences, or imagination. By literature an author wants to describe all of aspects of human life in the form of literature work of writing. William Henry Hudson in *An Introduction to the Study of Literature* states:

Literature is a vital record of what men have seen in life. what they have experienced of it, what they have thought and felt about those aspect of it which have most felt about those aspect of it which have most immediate and enduring interest for all of us. It is thus fundamentally an expression for life through the medium of language (1965:10).

The writer can express his feeling, his thought, and his deeds experienced through certain medium that is language. Furthermore, the writer can say that literature is expression of life through the medium of language.

Novel is a long story, written in prose that contains prose fiction and deals with truths, problems and conflicts. An author through his imagination writes novels about human life. The statement is supported by X.J. Kennedy's opinion in *Introduction to Fiction*. He states that: "Novel is a book-length story in prose, whose author tries to create the sense that, while we read, we experience author life" (1983:180).

Reading a novel also gives a lesson about what the world like is. By reading the writer can enlarge the sense of life. Novel itself consists of some

general elements. According to Edward H. Jones's opinion in *An Outline of Literature*, the outlines of a novel are title, point of view, dramatic conflict, theme, plot, characterization, contrast, and style. To admire people, their story must have lifelikeness, in other words, the story must be able to appeal the emotion of the readers, and while reading a novel, the readers do not merely enjoy the story itself, but they may also know the events which happen in the society at social situation at that time.

*Tender Is The Night* is a novel that presents the situation in 1920-1930 such as the changing of the society, the disintegration, and people who want the please their own. They believe that money is the only thing to achieve happiness; they forget that there is a value about a man who his struggling to find his own identity in society. This novel talks about pessimism. Dick Diver as the main character of the novel who is portrayed as a brilliant, ambitious, successful and young doctor. He fails to create his dreams to be a powerful man. Dick Diver marries Nicole a lady who comes from a rich and powerful family. He becomes more dependent on Nicole's family. Nicole cannot be a good wife because she suffers from schizophrenia. Her suffering appears after her mother's death. She is closer to her father as a lover until they are making love. Nicole becomes afraid to face men.

Dick Diver falls in love with Rosemary Hoyt, an actress. He moves to follow her but Dick is disappointed that Rosemary also follows the upper class way of life. He gets no respect from society. He wants to return to Nicole but she

has married another man. The society ignores him because he is not a rich man anyway, because his society prefers wealth than intelligence.

This novel not only entertains the readers with the choice of beautiful words but also has good story of portraying the society, the human behavior, and the conflict between man and man or man and the society. Pessimism is a general disposition to look on the dark side and to expect the worst in all things.

### **1.2 Statement of the Study**

Based on the background of the study above, the writer is interested in analyzing the human failure, especially in pessimism, through Dick Diver's character. The problems to be analyzed are formulated in these following questions:

1. How is Dick Diver as a character?
2. What are the causes of Dick Diver's pessimism?
3. How Dick Diver's pessimism affects other people?

### **1.3 Limitation of the Study**

This study only concerns about the intrinsic elements of the novel. It means that the writer concerns with the analysis of Dick Diver's pessimism through characterization. By analyzing these elements the writer will get a better understanding about Dick Diver's pessimism.

#### **1.4 The Objectives of Study**

According to the statement of the problem above, the writer states the objective of the study on the following:

1. To know Dick Diver's characters.
2. To elaborate the cause of Dick Diver's pessimism.
3. To analysis the influence of Dick Diver's pessimism to other characters as well.

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

The purpose of the analysis is to enlarge the reader's knowledge in this literary works. Furthermore the writer also can understand about life and its meaning in the relationship between people. The writer expects that this study may also give contribution to further literary research concerning to this novel. Finally there is a hope that literary readers will be more interested in reading, so that they have complete understanding on literature.