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### Abstrak

Tulisan ini bertujuan menjelaskan bagaimana puisi bahasa Inggris diterapkan dalam kehidupan sosial. Puisi sebagai cabang sastra tak dapat dipisahkan dari masyarakat memerlukan penerapan untuk dibahas dalam seminar di berbagai Universitas dalam hal peran puisi itu dalam kehidupan sosial. Penulis karya ilmiah ini menggunakan metode deskriptif kualitatif dengan penelitian perpustakaan yang didasari pada pengambilan data sebagai bukti yang dikumpulkan dari perpustakaan dan internet itu sendiri. Penulis merasa yakin bahwa dengan menggunakan metode ini, masalah yang akan dibicarakan akan mudah untuk menyelesaikan masalah. Puisi Inggris dalam kehidupan sosial yang ditulis dalam bahasa Inggris dianggap sebagai bahasa asing menunjukkan bahwa puisi bahasa Inggris itu memiliki peran penting menjadi sumber pembahasan. Alasan mengapa penulis menggunakan puisi bahasa Inggris untuk dibahas ialah untuk membuktikan bahwa puisi itu sebagai materi yang autentik dan memperkenalkan bahasa Inggris sebagai bahasa asing kepada masyarakat berkaitan dalam penulisan dan pembacaan puisi. Ini tentu saja akan memperluas kemampuan dalam pemahaman puisi pada masa sekarang ini.

*Kata kunci:* diterapkan; dianggap; dibahas; membaca; terpisah

### Abstract

*This writing aims to describe how English poetry is applied in social life. Poetry as a branch of Literature which may not be separated from societies needs application to be discussed in the seminar at the Universities in case of its role in social life. The writer of this scientific paper used descriptive qualitative method in library research based on the data, which was taken as a proof collected from the library and internet itself. The writer feels sure that by using this method, the problem being discussed will be easier to solve. English poetry in social life considered as written in a foreign language indicates that it has an important role to be a source of discussion. The reason why the writer uses English poetry to discuss is to prove poetry as authentic material and to familiarize English poetry as a foreign language to societies in terms of writing and reciting poetry. This certainly will expand the competence of understanding the poetry in today's time.*

*Keywords:* applied; considered; discussed; reciting; separate

### 1. Introduction

In today's time poetry is very common to be discussed by the public, especially among the writers of the poems. Poetry as a branch of literature is very important to be the source of discussion because of its significant and beautiful poetic form in societies [1]. Discussing about poetry in social life seems to be very often because many people nowadays like to write and read it. As a matter of fact, there are so many poets in all over the world are using poetry in daily life as an entertainment to read. Many of them also regarded that reading poetry in the public or on the stage is very interesting because it gives a wide inspiration and to exchange the feeling of boredom in life. Besides, it will

develop human relation among societies. Why should poetry be selected as a topic in this writing? It is because poetry helps us understand and appreciate the world around us. Poetry teaches us how to live since it describes the situation of life among such as the life of people in pandemic, covid-19 situation up today [3]. This has been described in the poems written by the lecturers of Faculty of Cultural Sciences, University of Sumatera Utara, Medan. One of the poets is known to be an example of the situation being discussed is T. Thyrhaya Zein, who has written two poems in the Anthology of Covid -19 Poetry. Her poem entitled “Energy in Covid-19 Pandemic” and “Corona Virus”.

She seems to discuss how dreadful Corona Virus kills societies as an illustration of pandemic situation in all over the world since 2019 until now. With the two topics of the above poems, the poet makes reader understand the role of poetry in social life that cannot be separated from human life itself. No wonder if the poetry looks like angel from the blue sky to be widely written and read by societies regarding as a mirror in lives.

In order to know more about the specification of writing this scientific research, the writer intends to state the problem of statement indicating the major thing that should be discussed. The main problem is that what are the roles of poetry in social life and how does poetry influence social life? The researcher only used two poems by Thyrhaya Zein as the main discussion because he knows that the two poems can cover all the problems being discussed.

In terms of understanding the real problem of discussing the above topic, the writer tends to show the readers about the research questions in order that they know why should this writing be written? The research questions be applied in this writing is that why is English poem regarded has important roles and influences social life?

Every writing should have the purpose of its own so as to make the readers understand why the writing should be written and published. In this writing, the writer applies the purpose of writing such as to find out if the poetry used by people has roles in social life or not, and also to find out whether poetry influences social life or not as well. The most important thing to write this scientific research is to give a reference to the poets and readers so that they can broaden their knowledge in understanding how significant poetry in social life is.

## 2. Research Methods

What has been discussed to write this scientific research is that the writer tends to use descriptive qualitative method mentioned in abstract. He believes that this method will be able to describe the problems being discussed, especially to describe the problems related to the analysis dealing with collecting data which be accumulated through internet and references or books in the library so as to make the scientific writing be more accurate and complete. Every writing has the main aim to fulfil the real goal why the scientific writing should be published. More or least, it should be read in order to know what it is.

## 3. Research Methods

The writing which is systematically arranged has an aim to achieve the target dealing with the topic being discussed. It is a must to find out the result what it is about. The researcher certainly concentrated on findings such as the poem is really plays important roles and its influence brings positive impact in social life.

## 4. Discussion

In today's time, there are so many people like writing and reading poetry. The poetry is written in various languages. Poetry is considered as a medium of communication used by primitive societies who had no competence in writing. They merely convey their ideas to one with other people by using poetry. Poetry as a branch of literature is obviously loved by people because English poetry is important to keep human relationship as well as to make people understand and appreciate the life among them. As a proof, let's have a look on the poem written by Thyrhaya Zein, who has given a description of pandemic situation occurred in today's time in “An Anthology of Covid-19 Poetry edited by Silvana Sinar, at al [4]

*“The energy in covid-19 pandemic  
It flows throughout body and soul  
It awakens who i am  
It reminds me of wisdom” [4]*

The four lines of the above describe us how covid-19 has a power of pandemic to destroy man's life and to show

the people who it is and gives a warning in order that man should be wise to clear up the situation because its scattering is fully spread without knowing by people accidentally. The poem indicates as a significant thing that should be understood by people around to be aware of their life so that they can run the life for so long.

*“There is a spiritual distance among soul, desire and material pleasure  
The calamity sent by God reaches the essence of true worship  
The humanitarian disaster is surely God’s will  
The strength and humanity awareness of Covid-19 be provided” [4]*

The above lines of the poem also gives an illustration how Corona Virus is cruel to kill and makes a social distance to keep up the health and desire and material pleasure as well in order that people know everything such as calamity provided by God as the bitter warning to human beings living in this world. As a matter of fact, everything is like disaster faced by man is totally coming from God’s will. Even though like that God as creator, who loves man always has no heart to destroy. God gives the strength for human beings and awareness of Covid-19 be provided. This is also a strong proof for the societies about the significance of poetry in social life so as to share information.

In her poem, she mentions it as a plague to kill. This statement through this beautiful poem stating that corona virus has become a trial of her belief. This can be also a proof to be understood and known by societies that a poet like Thyrhaya Zein regarding as one of the poets, who believes in God and uses to pray to God in order that her belief may not be collapsed. She hopes that pandemic has to go away soon. Her statement can be recorded as a good lesson for the societies regarding virus corona looks like ghost to kill human beings in today’s time. Let’s have a look on the following lines of the poem.

*“It a plague to kill  
It becomes a trial of may belief and human sensitivity  
Sincerity in praying makes me more strong  
The pandemic soon goes away on the earth” [4]*

Through this poem, the people know what the researcher means in her poem that she really feels very sad to see how Corona virus kills people without having a feeling of love. The virus does not know whether the rich or the poor is being killed and the young or the old one as well. But, the virus is stubborn enough with has no heart to take a pity to kill. It is really amazing to see the condition of societies, who are unable to sustain themselves from the suffering of life caused by the corona virus.

*You are a vile creature  
You have killed the lives  
No choice for the poor and rich  
Young or old is the same” (4)*

In this poem, the poet intends to let societies see how she feels disappointed and angry to see the situation that the virus really disturbs and spoil the life of societies and to make friendless among others. She wishes corona virus to run away from this world. She hopes the people may understand the condition of life in today’s time because corona virus is really cruel to kill. Virus Corona is not only to kill but also to separate one from others. The emphasis of the cruelty of the corona virus by the poets can be seen in the following lines of her poem.

*“You are unfeeling creature  
You have disturbed normal life  
You spoil family relation ship  
And thin out friendship among*

*You are like ghost  
You have destroyed all life  
You keep someone away from their relatives  
You have spoilt friendship*

*You are an ugly creature  
Go away and back to where you came from*

*You may not come back again and again  
You look like to destroy human lives” (4)*

Many researchers assume that poetry is really a mirror of life because it is a part of literature. By poetry, it reflects all human actions to live in the world. The societies from time to time like to learn and know the aim of writing poetry. Poetry is not only known by people in today's time but also from the ancient time upto primitive societies. In fact, poetry teaches societies how to live and make them understand how this life to survive beside poetry illustrates how to gain moral lessons, improve a large scope of knowledge as well [2]. There are so many anthologies of poems written by the poets and give information about social life such as to make them know much about the social events occurred around the world. This surely be a proof to keep in mind for all the people to know the pattern of the poets' thought in describing social events in societies as what has been talked by Thyrhaya Zein in her poems that the poet herself is influenced by what she sees in social life. As a matter of fact, Thyrhaya Zein is not merely influenced by the poetry but also other poets are like Tengku Silvana Sinar, Siamir Marulafau, Parlindungan Purba, Suwesana Mardiah Lubis, Marta Pardede, Yulianus Harefa, Rohani Gani, Deliana, Rudy Sofyan, Rahmadsyah Rangkuti and some other poets in Indonesia, Malaysia and other parts of countries in all over the world.

Through this scientific writing, it is said that by learning poetry, the people are certainly affected in mind until they like to write poetry. It is because poetry triggers their emotion, their brain, and gives them space for self reflection. It is obviously known that the affection of learning poetry by societies will change their attitude to be calm and to have much experience in life besides having a thought that poetry really teaches themselves about arts. Poetry as a branch of literature that be created in arts as what William F. Irmischer said in “The Nature of Literature” that literature is an art expressed in words [5].

## 5. Conclusion

Having discussed poetry in social life, the researcher comes to conclusion that poetry like any other form of artistic creation transmits knowledge and human values and shares information about social events. Through poetry, people can be taught how to run the lives because poetry is an art as a part of literature. Poetry also enables to teach students of language, literature, societies how to write, read, and understand any other literary works as well.

## 6. Suggestion

Referring to understanding the roles of poetry in social life and its influence as well, the researcher suggests that the reader had better read and appreciate a lot about the poetry as a branch of literature and its function in societies so that it will broaden a specific knowledge dealing with the poetry itself.

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