

SOCIAL SETTING AND MESSAGES IN MAHER ZAIN'S SELECTED SONGS

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Abstract

This article presents the analysis of social setting in Maher Zain's selected songs in an effort to discover the messages in the songs. In order to find out the social setting and messages hidden in the songs, the sociolinguistic theory is used to uncover the messages of the social setting found in Maher Zain's selected songs.

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1. Introduction

In writing song lyrics, writer tries to invite people who have same view and mind to be better, so that the people can learn from the lyrics. The song writer sometime uses figurative language that makes the listener interested in listening to the song. For example; simile metaphor, personification, hyperbole in the world, phrase, or sentences to explain the idea of the song.

Singer, song writer and also producer Maher Zain is the new star of Modern Islamic Music with his meaningful song that has an aim to inspire, entertain people and send a message of peace and hope to the world. With much more Facebook, Instagram and Twitter fans than any other Muslimartist. He released his debut album *Thank You*, and internationally successful album produced by Awakening Records in 2009 got Platinum Certifications from Warner Music Malaysia and Sony Music Indonesia. He released his follow up album *Forgive Me* in April 2012 under same production company with forth times Platinum Certification form Warner Music Malaysia.

The lyric of Maher Zain songs are interesting to listen and easy to understand and he also writes based on his experiences. In every song contained many words which

have power to influence a person and deliver good messages.

The writer merely focuses on analyzing selected songs in order to simplify the readers in understanding the social settings that the writer presents. The song writer limits or focuses only on the title "Social Setting in Maher Zain's Selected Songs".

Based on the explanation above, the writer formulates the questions as follows:

- a. What are the social settings found in Maher Zain's selected songs?
- b. What are the messages hidden in Maher Zain's selected songs?

2. Theoretical Framework

A. Sociolinguistics

According to Ronald (2006) "Sociolinguistics is 'the study of language in relation to society,' whereas the sociology of language is 'the study of society in relation to language.' In other words, in sociolinguistics we study language and society in order to find out as much as we can about what kind of thing language is, and in the sociology of language we reverse the direction of our interest.

According to Cloran (2011), sociolinguistic has some functions as follow:

- 1) Orientation
- 2) Uses of language (register & genre)
- 3) Uses of language (semantic variation)
- 4) Future directions
- 5) Literature (selected)

B. Figurative Language

Figurative language is study of alliteration, onomatopoeia, metaphor, simile, hyperbole, personification, and idiom. Figure of speech is a definition from the usual form of expression or common way of thinking in an effort to obtain a more intense effect of disclosure. Figurative language consists are:

1) Metaphor

The word *metaphor* was defined as a novel or poetic linguistic expression where one or more words for a concept are used outside of its normal conventional meaning to express a *similar* concept (Lakoff, 2011:1). From the statement, the metaphor is the way to express a feeling in the words play to become the meaningful words. So, from the metaphors which are arranged in the lyric, the writer can analyze what message that the singer wants to deliver.

2) Simile

Simile is comparison between two different things, and usually used a word *like, as, or so*. A simile uses the words *like* or *as* to tell us that two very different things are similar.

3) Litotes

Litotes is a figure of speech that consists of an understatement that confirm by negating the opposite. Litotes is commonly used in the employment of double negatives, for example “not unintelligent”. Litotes are meant to express to opposite to word being used, so “not unintelligent”

expresses the idea that the subject in question is “intelligent”.

4) Personification

Personification is figuring of speech that comparison giving extinct objects with human characteristic. Georgia Archibald (2001:11) said that “Personification gives human characteristic to things or ideas”.

5) Understatement

Understatement is saying less than one means that may exist in what are said or merely in how one say it.

6) Hyperbole

Greta Barclay L. (1998:46) Hyperbole is a figure of speech. It is device which uses a ridiculous exaggeration to give statement impact. We hear it and use it frequently in every conversation and read it often in books, newspaper, and magazines. It is so common that we are often not aware that we are using this technique. The good part is that people understand even though we are using hyperbole.

7) Synecdoche

Synecdoche is a literary device in which of something represents the whole or it may use a whole to represent a part.

8) Idiom

Gaines (1986) said that an idiom is an expression that conveys something different from its literal meaning, and that cannot be guessed from the meanings of its individual words. “Between a rock and a hard place” is an idiom that means “in a difficult or bad position with no good way of getting out of it.” What makes an idiom different from a figure of speech is that its nonliteral meaning is already familiar to speakers of the language.

C. Music

Language and music are peculiar characteristics of human beings. The capability of producing and enjoying language and music appears in every human society, regardless of the richness of its culture (Nettl, 2015). Importantly, language and music complement each other in many different ways. For instance, looking at music and language in terms of features, we can observe that music organizes pitch and rhythm in ways that language does not, and it lacks the specificity of language in terms of semantic meaning. On the other hand, language is built from categories that are absent in music (e.g., nouns and verbs), whereas music seems to have a deeper power over our emotions than does ordinary speech.

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D. Songs and Lyrics

Field (2008) stated that song is a short piece of music with words which are

sung. It means that song is the group of words which is delivered with the music or intonation as its background. In the other side; Paul (2014) has stated about the song that the song reflects an attempt by a single author or editor to compose his literary piece with artistic skill and rhetorical unity. It means, the songs have some literary words which is artistic and they have some objects that the author or editor want to deliver. By analyzing songs, we will be able to know, who, where, why, and what the meanings or messages of the song is attempted and what the imageries style that the author of the song used in delivering the messages inside its songs.

Song lyric is the verbal symbol that created by human. Human is the creature that knows how to react not only in the physical environment but also in the symbols that they made (Rivers, 2003:28). From the explanation above, it can be concluded that song lyric is symbolic reaction of human. It is a response of everything that happened and felt by their physical environment and it is influenced by common sense and rationality. Symbol is used by human to understand a reality cannot be seen directly, but it can be seen and felt by human senses. This stimulus is processed and created by mind. Then, the concept or the specific interpretation will be formed a specific meaning appropriate with what will be pronounced.

3. Research Methodology

Based on the formulation and objectives of the problems the writer analyzes, investigates and uses library and media research.

- a. Library research, the writer searches some information and a reference from the English books, the writer takes several statements from the English

book which are related and also internet as the important sources to collect the data in completing the paper.

- b. Media research, it is used by the writer in order to find out which songs and lyric that have the social setting and message and it will be described one by one.

4. Research Findings

In this the writer wants to analyze about social setting and message selected song by Maher Zain. There are nine songs that the writer wants to analyze. The song to be analyzes here are song telling about the composer's life story. The writer shows the data that are going to be explained specifically as the result of this research.

A. Finding Kinds of Social Setting and Messages in Maher Zain Lyrics

1) The Lyric of Insha Allah

In 2007, the Lebanese-born Swedish musician named Maher Zain. He lived and grew in the family who likes music. Mustafa Zain, his father was the famous singer in Lebanon, the country where he was born. He spent his life with music so he loves music. When he was child, he really wanted to be a singer like his father. Until someday, he met with people know him as RedOne, his name Nadir Khayat. They have made the production for many music singers. Therefore, they move to New York for their better career. Night life was going to him in New York. He lived with all his friends who singers, music producers, but he felt lost and like live alone as he wrote in the first stanza:

*Every time
You feel like you cannot go on
You feel so lost and that you're so
alone*

In this song the lyric is based on song writer's experience and related with background of the singer. According to Mirza (2015) mention that social setting is the things that you feel around and adopt yourself according to the atmosphere or the things that influence your behavior and thinking. It would be your surrounding environment whether you are at home or you are at work, so that social setting needs the resources symbol attires. In this song, the writer finds the message about motivation that there must be away in our problem, in our sadness. See like this stanza:

*But don't despair and never lose
hope
Cause Allah is always by your side
InshaAllah (2x)
InshAllah you'll find your way*

Everyone has a bad past, but they can be a better person for now and forever if they believe that Allah is the only one who can give the best way or solution. No matter what is going on in your life, never lose hope. Stay positive in bad times, stay humble in good times, and always trust Allah, because the best part about it is Allah always with us in every single step.

At that time, he lived in the darkness life because of the people round him. He went to night club with his friends, sang in every night, but he didn't find his pleasure. He always feels confusion and thinks that is not the good way for him. He realizes that something wrong with him and he must find the best way. As in this stanza:

*All you see is night
And darkness all around*

*You feel so helpless you can't see
which way to go*

He was in the US preparing for the next stage of his career. He was working with chart-topping artists and recording with the Grammy-winning music producer RedOne. Success was almost within his grasp. Much money and he can get car and all the luxurious life in New York. In other side, he lived in glamorous life; party, wine, even drugs were the little bit things which enticed him. Deep in his heart, that he was wrong and he confused what should he do. Until he thought whether he should be left or kept staying from his career. He said "I felt that the music business was very empty," stated from a hotel room in Cairo, over Skype (Omar Shahid: 2009). He also describes in the next stanza:

*Every time
You commit one more mistake
You feel you can't repent and that
it's way too late
You're so confused
Wrong decisions you have made
Haunt your mind and your heart is
full shame*

RedOne knew that he looks very tired. Then, he went to Sweden left his career and this is the first step that he can leave his darkness life. He felt better when he came back to Sweden and he prayed to Allah that he doesn't want to come back to New York. Like in the stanza:

*Turn to Allah
He's never far away
Put your trust in Him
Raise your hands and pray
Ya Allah
Guide my steps, don't let me go
astray*

*You're the only one who can show
me the way*

After making some new Muslim friends in Sweden and finding solace in going to the mosque, he began to practice Islam seriously. But music was something he had loved from a young age and he didn't want to abandon it. Instead, he made a transition: he swapped secular music for something more religious. In the process, he ended up finding celebrity status anyway.

2) The Lyric of Thank You Allah

Thank You Allah, released in late 2009, became a worldwide sensation: the record took top position on Amazon.com's world music chart, and was the best-selling album of the decade in Malaysia. In Indonesia, it even knocked Justin Bieber off the leading spot. Zain has been criticized by some Muslims for using musical instruments – a contentious issue in Islamic jurisprudence, with many scholars insisting the voice should take minimal accompaniment. Music has given luxurious for MaherZain, but he felt that not enough for him. There is something wrong with him and he really felt so far from Allah. He wrote in the first stanza:

*I was so far from you
Yet to me you were always so close
I wandered lost in the dark
I closed my eyes toward the signs
You put on my way
I walked everyday
Further and further away from you*

In this stanza, Maher tells a part of his life when he lived in New York, America. Full of luxurious, full of friends, but he cannot find his pleasure. Even he felt further from

Allah. He thinks that because of music his life in the dark. Until he was conscious that Allah made him come back to Sweden and he found his Islam and did not want come back to New York. As detail in the stanza:

*I walked every day
Further and further away from You
O Allah, you brought me home
I thank You with every breath I take*

Finally, Maher came back to Sweden. He knew that Allah still gives him the change to be better and thank Allah for the breath he takes. Maher also gives the details in the next stanza:

*I was too proud to see the truth
And prostrate to you
Until I took the first step
And that's when you opened the
doors for me
Now Allah, I realized what I was
missing
By being far from you*

When Maher was in Sweden, met with old friends and this was the first step that Maher did. Heshalat in Stockholm Mosque, he really felt amazed because he found the new family there. He felt safety with all Muslims in Stockholm Mosque. His friends asked Maher to join the Islamic music in Mosque. His friends want to Maher sing in Islamic song. Maher describes the details in the next stanza:

*Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah
All praises to Allah, All praises to
Allah*

Maher did not know what should he said for all the things that he has received from Allah. When he wants to leave his music, his friend asked him to join Islamic music. Still

he is working into music but in different types. Maher and music are two things that cannot be separated.

Maher wrote the lyric of Thank You Allah because after singing and he met with Bara Kherigi, co-founder awakening worldwide, Maher got his dream as a Muslim singer. In the beginning, Maher did not want to be a singer because he felt that he was afraid if he will come back to his past, glamour. His friends and Bara Kherigi gave the explanation that Maher should share his experiences in music. Finally, Maher agreed and made this album.

3) The Lyrics of Open Your Eyes

In this song the song writer is talking about how to get the truth, the people only open their eyes, their hearts, and their minds. Maher wrote the lyric repeated and he emphasized the words. How possible the truth can be received when the eyes, the hearts, and the mind of the people are closed? Many examples that people can see, can hear and feel about that to get the truth. By looking around our self or looking our inside, the people can ask their self also.

*We just have to
Open your eyes, our hearts, and
minds
If we just look bright we'll see the
signs
We can't keep hiding from the truth
Le it takes us surprise*

Open Your Eyes is taken from Thank You Allah album. When the people read or hear the title, they must ask what the meaning of the title is. "What for we have to open our eyes?" something like this about their

question. The lyric Maher wrote based on his biography when felt that all people around him are really loved him. Maher live in religious family but when he lived in New York, he got the dark life. In this lyric the people can know how that the meaning in every single word. Like this stanza:

*Look around yourself
Can't you see this wonder?
Spreaded in front of you
The clouds floating by
The skies are clear and blue
Planets in the orbits
The moon and the sun
Such a perfect harmony*

In this lyric, describe about clouds, skies, planets, moon and sun. There are created by Allah and make such perfect harmony. Maher wants to tell that it is very nice to picture it if the people know. Maher wrote the lyric same like his experiences before he know right way. He also make simple question:

*Let's start question in ourself
Isn't this proof enough in
ourselves
Or are we so blind
To push it all side
No*

Maher calls the lyric before as proof for the people. He emphasizes the question and tries to the people answer the question by themselves. When he comes back from New York to Sweden, he felt that he met his friends who gave knowledge about Islam. He never got the religious experiences when he was in New York. Maher also gives chosen question between “isn't this proof enough for us or are we so blind? And then, Maher answer the question with

No, and gives the answer in the next stanza:

*Open our eyes, our hearts and
minds
If we just look right, we'll see the
signs
We can't keep hiding from the truth*

This is the answer of Maher's question. By opening eyes, heart, and mind, they can see the truth. In this stanza, Maher also give the pray for the people “May Allah take the people in the best way, and guide the people in every single day”. The people also can close to Allah until the end of the time. Maher feel better in his new life when he come back to Islam. He feels like that he has found the best way in his life. When he joined in Stockholm Mosque, he met with all his friends who he loved as his family. Maher's entire friend at Stockholm Mosque always accompanies him and he believes that this is the best way for him. Maher also gives more explanation about open your eyes more.

*Look inside yourself
Such perfect order
Hiding in your cells
Running in your veins
What about anger, love, and pain?
And all the things you're feeling
Can you touch them with your
hand?
So are they really there?*

If in the first stanza Maher takes the listener to look around, but in this stanza Maher takes the listener to look inside. The factors are from our self and often the people forget about it. When Maher active join in Mosque with his friends there, Maher more often ask himself what he felt. All

questions that in his heart which is always haunt him until he got the best answer. Maher also gives simple question in this stanza, he explains and gives example of miracle.

4) The Lyric of Freedom

This song is dedicated to all the people struggling for freedom and dignity in the world. The new music video is inspired by the revolutions in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, and across the Arab world. It is a political need.

The first music video from the album was titled 'Freedom'. It was released on March 27, 2011 by Malaysian director, Mohd Hafizi bin Mat Khalib. The music video was filmed on February 25 and 26, 2011 at Malawati Stadium, Malaysia. Maher Zain is the songwriter in this song, the song writer told people to encourage them to fight against all oppressions.

*Gathered here with my family
My neighbors and my friends
Standing firm together against
oppression holding hands
It doesn't matter where you're
from*

The lyrics tell to other people to be united. Maher Zain's family, friends, or neighbor strive for a word freedom. The singer and other people frown upon what looked like oppression in his country. The key of freedom is we become unite to be fighting the oppressions.

*For giving us the strength to hold
on
And now we're here together*

Freedom song lyrics above tell the listener tight *Ukhuwah* the tie of brotherhood. In case, we are working together and building the unity, so we

have strength this against oppression. The singer and each other people want to shake off the yoke.

*Calling you for freedom, freedom
We know you can hear our call ooh
We're calling for freedom, fighting
for freedom
We know you won't let us fall oh
We know you're here with us*

In the stanza above, the word "for freedom" or "freedom" in the first and third line shows the figure of speech categorized as repetition. The function of repetition to intensify and to give emphasize of the part of lyrics so that the listeners are able to make focus and understand the meaning. Freedom is a substantial and basic thing for family and community.

*And it makes me strong to see
everyone
Standing together holding hands in
unity
Shouting out loud demanding their
right for freedom*

In this stanza the song writer describe about togetherness and unity. By the togetherness, they can achieve their freedom for their place.

5) The Lyrics of Number One for Me

The second music video from the album was 'Number One For Me'. It was released on March 15, 2012. The video was directed by Mike Harris, who had previously directed 'Insha Allah' from the album Thank You Allah. 'Number One For Me' was released on iTunes earlier on March 13, 2012.

The actor is Massimo Loreti as a child. Maher Zain, Bilal Hajji and Nano Omar are the songwriters in this

song; the song tells how the singer's loved to his mother. The lyrics tell about his personal experiences, when he was child. His disobedient made his mother always cries. The singer regretted because he made his mother cried with his naughtiness. He wanted to make his mother always smile.

*I was a foolish little child
Crazy things I used to do
And all the pain I put you through
Mama now I'm here for you*

The stanza presents that he always does anything without think it's bad or good, so that makes his mother is in pain. When he has growth up, he wants to always around his mother. In these song lyrics also Maher tell the regret feeling. The word "pain" refers to mother feeling of the singer. His naughtiness when he was a child makes his mother hurts.

*For all the times I made you cry
The days I told you lies
Now it's time for you to rise
For all the things you sacrificed*

The lyric above mention that he always makes his mother cry and lies. He always does anything without think it's bad or good, so that makes his mother is in pain. When he has growth up, he wants to always around his mother. In these song lyrics also Maher tell the regret feeling. The word "pain" refers to mother feeling of the singer. His naughtiness when he was a child makes his mother hurts

*I've learnt so much from you
Now I'm trying to do it too
Love my kids the way you do*

A part of song lyrics above teach to the listener experience of the singer when he was a child. And now he grows bigger to be an adult and he

has a child. He wants to treat his child like the way his mother treated him when he was a child. His mother always loves him every time and always be there for him.

*Oh, if I could turn back time rewind
If I could make it undone
I swear that I would
I would make it up to you*

The singer wants to tell to the listener that every chance we have, we should use it very well. In the part of song lyrics above, the singer feels guilty for his mother when the singer was child and he realizes his wrong doing. He also told that he wanted to turn back the time so that he could pay back his fault and made his mother happy always.

*You know you are the number one
for me (x3)
Oh, oh, number one for me
There's no one in this world that
can take your place*

The word "you" in the song lyrics refer to "mother". The singer's loyalty to his mother and make her to be number one. She is the first person who teaches everything to the children from the beginning. She is a person who always forgives her children's mistake. It is a proved that the singer really loves his mother.

*Now I will to try to love you
Like you love me
Only God knows how much you
mean to me*

Maher Zain shows his sincerity in the part of lyrics above. The song lyrics tell to listener how the singer loved his mother so much. Some naughtiness had been done when he was a child until grows up now, but his mother always cares. He wants to

love his mother like she loves him. Now, the singer feels his mother is someone that important for him.

*I will use every chance I get
To make you smile
Whenever I'm around you*

The singer describes he will use every moment when he is together with his mother. Together with his mother to make her smile every time and make her happy when she stayed with him. Thankfulness feeling is shown when the singer wants to stay beside his mother and makes her happy living with him.

*Even though I was so bad
I've learnt so much from you*

The song lyrics tell about when the singer was a child. At that time he was so naughty. The singer always makes his mother cried and felt pain. Nevertheless, His mother always cares and loves him until he grows up. To make him to raise him growing adult is not easy for her.

*Even though I was so bad
And even though I was so bad
I've learned so much from you
Now I'm trying to do it too
Love my kid the way you do*

Number One for Me song can be seen in the sentence "Even though I was so bad". In the litotes expression in which the uses word "so bad", lexically means badly behaved or naughty. The singer feels when he was a child, he behaved badly.

Finally, the singer becomes adult and has a child, and he learnt anything from his mother during child until adult. The lyrics of *Number One for Me* song is about affectionate and elated. The affectionate in the lyrics showed the singer's love to his mother

that take care him to be an adult. The singer reminds when he was a child, he was naughty boy and now he wants to learn about anything that his mother did to him (always cares and loves him). Song lyrics are also elated, the singer feels happy because he has a daughter and always says thanks to his mother because of his caring to him. It sounds shaking and cheerful.

6) The Lyrics of Big Family

The writer found only one quotation of lyrics that categorized as peace loving as having been described below:

*I wonder why you and me fight
each other*

*Don't you see the similarities
between us?*

*Take a minute and see yourself in
the mirror*

*You look like me: those eyes, lips –
you can't deny*

In the part of stanza above, it talks about there is no differences between us. Peace loving is shown in the first line, the singer alert the people that are in family. Become a family also gives interdependent, care, and protection.

I care about you

And I wish you could realize

*There's no difference between us
two*

In the song lyrics teach love and affectionate because there is a word care. The song writer shows his attention to each other that all the same, no difference between one people with others.

Part of one family

No matter how far you are

*And even if we don't know each
other
Oh, you and me, me and you, we
are one*

The lyrics tell that all of the people belong to one family. Although the people do not know one another and they have not met before. The singer also tells about even so the people are in different place, culture, skin, genre, they are belongs to one family.

*Take a minute a minute see
yourself in the mirror
You look like me: those eyes, lips –
you can't deny*

Simile also found in the One Big family song lyrics. The singer shows in the sentence “You look like me: those eyes, lips – you can't deny”, the characteristic of simile is uses of word “look like” to compare you (other people) and me (the singer).

*You feel I feel, you bleed I bleed,
you cry and I cry
We sleep and dream
Sometimes we're sad, sometimes
we're happy*

In this case, the singer describes his love to other people. The singer explains to the hearer how deep the togetherness of this song lyrics. It means that what the people feel, the singer also feels it too. They are always together in sadness or happiness.

7) The Lyrics of So Soon

The third music video entitled *So Soon* was released on June 3, 2012. It was directed by Mike Harris. Bara Kherigi, Maher Zain and Mohamed El-Kazaz are songwriters

in this song. This song tells about the death of someone special for singer. The singer needs long time to accept this truth.

*You went so soon, so soon
You left so soon, so soon
I have to move on 'cause I know
it's been too long
I've got to stop the tears, keep my
faith and be strong*

Here, the word “so soon” is written in first and second lines in the stanza above. The function of repetition to intensify and to give emphasize of the part of lyrics so that the readers are able to make focus and understand the meaning. It's the reflection of the feeling of sadness by the singer when someone he loved passed away.

*Every time I close my eyes I see
you in front of me
I still can hear your voice calling
out my name
And I remember all the stories you
told me
I miss the time you were around
But I'm so grateful for every
moment I spent with you
'Cause I know life won't last
forever*

The singer brings an image about someone that very important person and closed with him. Day by day anything they do together. The visual imagery showed when the singer saw his beloved someone in front of him.

*I still can hear your voice calling
out my name
And I remember all the stories you
told me
I miss the time you were around*

In this stanza the singer misses his parent. He always remembers what the parent said and called his name.

*And I remember you in every
prayer that I make
Every single day may you be
shaded by His mercy
But life is not the same, and it will
never be the same
But I'm so thankful for every
memory I shared with you
'Cause I know this life is not
forever*

This stanza he explains of respecting to his parents passed away. As a child he always prays to his mother or father. He does it every day and night when he made his prayer.

8) The Lyrics of My Little Girl

Maher Zain is the song writer of *My Little Girl* song, in these song lyrics shows that how the singer is happy and thanks to God because he has a daughter. His daughter gives spirit, motivation, and fills his soul. He always prays to God so that his daughter gets the best way and keeps his daughter every time. He hopes to see and care her daughter until she is adult.

*You are a miracle
You are a blessing from above
You brought joy to my soul
And pleasure to my eyes
In my heart I can feel it
An unexplainable feeling
Being a father
The best thing that I could ever
ask for*

The singer say that having a daughter is a miracle ad a blessing from above. She can brought joy to

him soul and pleasure to his eyes. He could explain what his feeling cause be a father is the best thing that he could never ask for.

*I pray that I'll get the chance
To be around and watch you grow
And witness your first steps
And the first time when you will
call me "dad"*

In this song the singer has a role as a father who has one-year old daughter. In every pray, he hopes that Allah give blessing on the growth of his daughter and see her in healthy condition. When his daughter tries to speak at the first time he wishes that she will call him "dad".

*Just thinking of you, makes me
smile
holding you, looking in your eyes
I'm so grateful for having you
And every day I pray
I pray that you'll find your way*

In the second song lyrics the singer uses word *holding* to show his love and protect to daughter. She has some behaviors that sometimes makes funny, unique, and annoyed, however all of her behavior is wonderful. The singer holds and looks his child, he is a perfect man because has a child.

*Holding you, looking in your eyes
I'm so grateful for having you*

My Little Girl song lyrics tell to listeners an amaze stories about the singer have a child. He says thanks to God who has given him a lovely child in his life.

*You light up my world
I pray that I'll get the chance
To be around and watch you grow*

The word “you” in the lyric refers to the singer’s daughter. The singer uses the hyperbole sentence “you light up my world”, the word “world” refers to his life. A daughter is able to give him happy feeling.

Just thinking of you makes me smile

Holding you, looking in your eyes

I’m so grateful for having you

And every day I pray

I pray that you’ll find your way

The lyrics explain that singer awlays thinking of her daughter and makes him smile by holding her and looking in her eyes. He also feel so grateful for having her and everyday he pray for his daugter may always bless her and she will find her way.

My baby girl

You light up my world

I pray that I’ll get the chance

To be around and watch you grow

And witness your first steps

And the first time when you will

call me “dad”

In the part of song lyrics the singer presents his daughter very important for him. The singer wants to see his daughter growth with his own eyes.

9) Social Setting and Messages Song of AssalamuAlayka

Maher Zain and Bara Kherigi are the songwriters in this song. The song tells how the singer longs and loves to Muhammad as a Prophet. He wants to be able meet and always close to his prophet. The singer also suggests the people to always send blessing to Muhammad always.

I’ve left my heart with my Beloved

Sending blessings on Muhammad

This song tells about the confession of the singer that his heart is for Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him) as a messenger of Allah. He always sends blessings to his love, “Muhammad” in every pray.

May salutations be sent upon You

O Messenger of Allah

May salutations be sent upon you

O my Beloved

O Prophet of Allah, O Messenger

of Allah

The song lyrics tell about Respect to Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him) as a Prophet. The singer gives praises to his Prophet. Assalamu’alayka song disclose how the singer love and longing to Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him).

O Taiba (Medina), your breeze is so blessed

Indeed it brought life back to my spirit

In the stanza a part of Assalamu’alayka song lyrics, the point of personification can be seen in the sentences “O Taiba (Medina), your breeze is so blessed. The abstract entity of “breeze” is treated like human being who is able to do things. The word “your” in the first line refers to Taiba or Medina. Even though it is his life spirit refreshed by influence of the “breeze” of Medina.

I left all my troubles and worries

As I entered your Mosque so gently

And as I finally stood there before you

I couldn’t stop my tears from falling

In your presence O Muhammad!

In the lyrics the singer wants to pray and enters to Mosque to break away from his problem. In his imagination he wants to be congregation and Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him) is Imam in his praying. He feels very happy until his tears in his face.

5. Conclusion

Here, the writer concludes the result of the research as follows,

- a. Insha Allah
Everyone has a bad past, but they can be a better person for now and forever if they believe that Allah is the only one who can give the best way or solution. No matter what is going on in your life, never lose hope. Stay positive in bad times, stay humble in good times, and always trust Allah, because the best part about it is Allah always with us in every single step.
- b. Thank You Allah
Thank You Allah is indeed made a giving motivation because of his life experience. Maher believes that music can be a media for his goodness. By singing a song, he can give new color in transferring the message of his life especially in his religious life.
- c. Open Your Eyes
The song writer is talking about how to get the truth, the people only open their eyes, their hearts, and their minds. Maher wrote the lyric repeated and he emphasized the words. How possible the truth can be received when the eyes, the hearts, and the mind of the people are closed? Many examples that people can see, can hear and feel about that to get the truth. By looking around our self or looking our inside, the people can ask their self also.
- d. Freedom
This song is dedicated to all the people struggling for freedom and dignity in the world. In this video Maher's Zain inspired by the revolutions in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, and across the Arab world. The lyrics tell to other people to be united. Maher Zain's family, friends, or neighbor strive for a word freedom. The song writer told people to encourage them to fight against all her people frown upon what looked like oppression in his country.
- e. Number One For me
The song tells how the singer's loved to his mother. The lyrics tell about his personal experiences, when he was child. His disobedient made his mother always cries. The singer regretted because he made his mother cried with his naughtiness. He wanted to make his mother always smile.
- f. One Big Family
In this song, the singer describes his love to other people. The singer explains to the hearer how deep the togetherness of this song lyrics. It means that what the people feel, the singer also feels it too. They are always together in sadness or happiness.
- g. So Soon
This song Maher Zain explains of singer misses his parent and explains of respecting to his parents' passing away. He always remembers what the parent said and called his name.
- h. My Little Girl
Maher Zain is the song writer of *My Little Girl* song, in these song lyrics shows that how the singer is happy and thanks to God because he has a

daughter. His daughter gives spirit, motivation, and fills his soul. He always prays to God so that his daughter gets the best way and keeps his daughter every time. He hopes to see and care her daughter until she is adult.

- i. Assalamu'alayka
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