

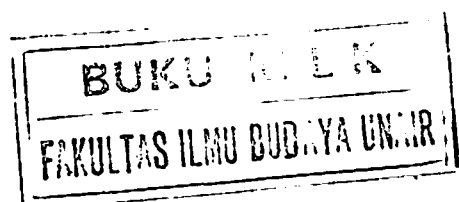
ABSTRACT

Prosperity can be achieved not only through wealth but also from understanding the meaning of poems. It is because some poems contain a unity meaning which shows the way to be prosperous through their formal elements. Each formal element has role to support the whole meaning of the poem.

The Prophet is a poem compilation book of Kahlil Gibran. It was translated into many languages. Kahlil Gibran is one of the famous poets in this world who offers romantic, wise, and peaceful words. Furthermore, his words influence people in many countries. Through poems, Gibran offers peace and love. Gibran has carefully chosen his words in order to offer his best poems. It makes the reader are interested in enhancing knowledge about Gibran's words, especially the symbols of prosperity.

This study is meant to discuss some of Gibran's poems which tend to give advice to be prosperous. Three of twenty eight poems in *The prophet* book are chosen in order to limit this study. They are 'On Houses', 'Eating and Drinking' and 'Buying and Selling'. The New Criticism is applied to analyze the content of the poem. *Close reading* is the major method of New Criticism which helps more to find the whole meaning from the elements of the poem. This study shows the finding that there are two kinds of symbols, such as living thing and non-living things symbols, which show the way to be prosperous.

Keywords: Living Thing, Non-living Thing, Prosperity, Symbol



CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION