STUDY ON THE MORAL MESSAGES OF RICHARD MARX’S SONGS

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ABSTRACT

Music cannot be separated from our daily life. People cannot be separated from music because we need it anytime we want to. When taking a rest, having lunch, sometime before sleep, or even when study. Today, music has a great development because the composers always improve their creations. Music, especially classical music, can improve the baby’s brain. In this study, the writer focuses on analyzing the moral messages both of Richard Marx’s songs, “Thanks to You” and “Children of the Night”.

The purpose of this study is to analyze and to describe the moral messages of both Richard Marx’s songs. In analyzing those two songs, the writer used the general and detail meaning in order to know the moral messages both two songs. The method that suitable to use for solving this problem was descriptive qualitative design. The object of study was the 7th album of Richard Marx “Greatest Hits” which consisted of 16 songs. Thus, the writer used the documentary technique in obtaining the data. After the data have been collected, the writer analyzed the data that constructed some steps, classifying, describing, interpreting and presenting the moral messages of Richard Marx’s songs based on the general and detail meaning. The sources of the data were the lyrics of Richard Marx’s songs, “Thanks to You” and “Children of the Night”.

The result of this study shows that the lyrics both of Richard Marx’s songs are full of moral messages. The first, the song, which has a title Thanks to You, has a very deep meaning. He wrote this song is to dedicate his mother who always motivated him in all of his life. Even though he wrote to his mother, the readers or listeners could catch the lesson how they have to regard their mother. The second, Children of the Night’s song also has a deep meaning that the readers or listeners could get as a moral lesson. In this song, Richard sent his message through the children’s experience who spent their life on the street. Even though they only the life-night children, they still keep fighting to survive in this world. This song teach the readers how they have to keep fighting in order to survive in this world.