

# AN ANALYSIS OF SEMI YUSUF SONG'S LYRIC BASED ON ISLAMIC MORAL VALUES

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## Abstrak

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menggambarkan nilai-nilai moral lagu Semi Yusuf. Metode analisis yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah pendekatan kualitatif deskriptif analisis isi yang terdapat pada parafrase dan lagu sebagai sumber data utama. Penulis menggunakan analisis isi untuk mengungkap isi dari lagu Yusuf Semi. Ada lima lagu sebagai data penelitian yaitu Eid song, The Cave of Hiro, You Come to Me, He Is There, and Make Me Strong.

Penulis menemukan beberapa nilai moral dalam lirik lagu, yaitu: 1) Nilai-nilai moral yang ada di "Eid song" adalah tentang syukur kepada Allah, membantu dan memaafkan orang lain, bahagia menyambut perayaan Idul Fitri. 2) Nilai-nilai moral yang ada di "The Cave of Hiro" adalah tentang syukur kepada Allah, mengundang orang untuk melakukan sesuatu dengan baik sebagai ungkapan rasa syukur kepada Allah, semakin bersyukur, maka Allah akan meningkatkan kenikmatan yang telah diberikan. 3) Nilai-nilai moral yang ada di "You Come to Me" adalah tentang optimis dan setia. Hidup dalam kehidupan sehari-hari dengan cadangan optimisme; tidak mudah menyerah dan putus asa. Optimis dapat membawa kita untuk menjadi sukses; kehidupan yang lebih baik pada iman dan kepercayaan. 4) Nilai-nilai moral yang ada di "He Is There" adalah tentang optimis, "tawakal". Jiwa optimis adalah berpikir positif yang hebat. 5) Nilai-nilai moral yang ada di "Make Me Strong" adalah tentang sabar, kuat dan optimis. Sabar adalah jiwa yang dimiliki oleh orang yang sabar. Seseorang yang sabar adalah orang yang menghadapi kehidupan dengan jiwa kesabaran.

**Kata Kunci:** Lagu Semi Yusuf, Lirik lagu, Nilai-nilai Islam, Nilai moral

## Abstract

This study was aimed to describe the moral values of Semi Yusuf's songs. The analytical method used in this study is descriptive qualitative approach of content analysis that involved on paraphrases and songs are as main data source. The writer used content analysis to uncover the content of the Semi Yusuf songs. The data are five songs among the other songs which included in Eid song, The Cave of Hiro, You Come to Me, He Is There, and Make Me Strong.

The writer found several moral values in song's lyrics, those are: 1) Moral values that existed in "Eid song" are about thanks to God, helpful and forgive the other people. Happy receive Eid celebration. 2) Moral values that existed in "The Cave of Hiro" are about thanks to God. Invite people to do something well as an expression of our gratitude to God. The more grateful we are the God will increase the pleasure that he has been given. 3) Moral values that existed in "You Come to Me" are about optimist, and faithful. Today, living in everyday life reserve the optimism. It is not easy to give up and despair. Optimistic can lead us to be successful. Better life on faith and trust. 4) Moral values that existed in "He Is There" are about optimist, "tawakal". Optimistic soul is great positive thinking. 5) Moral values that existed in "Make Me Strong" are about patient, strong and optimist. The patient is soul which is owned by the patient person. A patient person is a person who faces life with the soul of patience.

**Keywords:** Semi Yusuf Song's, Song's Lyric, Islamic Values, Moral Values

## I. INTRODUCTION

Literature refers to the imaginative works. Literature is created by writers to be enjoyed, understood, and utilized by the community. According to Wellek and Warren stated

that literature is the art of written works.<sup>1</sup>

Because, literature uses typical of language which is different with colloquial language or the language of science. Literature has a dual

<sup>1</sup>Wellek, Rene, & Austin, W. *Theory of Literature*, (New York: Harcourt Brace Javonovich, 1971), Pp. 15.

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function, that is entertaining and at the same time benefit readers. Literature entertaining by presenting the beauty, give meaning to life (death, misery, and excitement) and the means to convey the message about the truth, about what is good and bad. So we can get the touch of our life through literature. Literature is a term used to describe written or spoken material. "Literature" is used to describe anything from creative writing to more technical or scientific works, but the term is most commonly used to refer to works of the creative imagination, including works of poetry, drama, fiction, and non-fiction. Literature represents a language or a people: culture and tradition. One of literary work which will be discussed in this thesis is music or song.

Music is part of people's life. Every people has listened music in their life. Songs serves felling and express their common emotions. Singing appears to be a popular activity in many parts of the world. In Indonesian, western songs appear to gain popularity. This condition can be seen by the increasing chart number of western musicians in our country. Musical concept is important because they determine how music is appreciated and evaluated in a particular society. Ighile (2012) stated that Knowledge of musical concepts, it should be stressed, is not synonymous with verbalization and actualization. It means that music influence life.<sup>2</sup>

Lyric come from Ancient Greece has means a piece for single voice, to be accompanied by the lyre. The song lyric is specifically intended for singing. This intention affects diction, content and stanza form. Graham stated that the song lyric is particularly unified and simple.<sup>3</sup> A tune has its own emotional character, and it is words will need to be of words and music. Lyric can express judgments about lifestyles, values, and appearances. Than, song can express attitudes

and values. Every song's lyric has message and suggestion for the listeners, whether good or bad. It depends on the kind of the music and on the listener. Lyrics are written as a form of the interaction between the writer and the listeners. In song can be cited as a media to transfer message, or expressions in order to achieve the pure feeling, joyful, aspirations, or ambitions. In addition, lyric is a part of literary element. Music and literary works are very useful since they have various values such as moral, religious, and sociological values. Literature is also one of media to show some of the meaning.

The terms of moral and ethics come from latin and Greek respectively *mores* and *ethos*. Louis and Pojman stated that moral means perspective on how an attitude good or bad.<sup>4</sup> Deriving their meaning from the idea of custom. It undertakes to analyze concepts and terms such as right, wrong, permissible, ought, good and evil in their moral contexts.

The Islamic framework of good moral emphasizes on several values of doing good deeds to other individuals or groups. All of these qualities are presented Islamic morals related in dealing with others, which are referred here to Islamic morality. Islamic teachings encourage Muslims to be truthful, and trustworthy. Benninga S. J. stated that every value will get quality if it has relation with other values.<sup>5</sup> For example, Honesty is example of moral values; this value has no meaning if it does not be applied with other values. Economic Value is relation of human and thing.

According to Islam there are five basic values for humanity that must be safeguarded. Akgunduz stated that norms include all activities and things that are essential for preserving these five basic values at the lowest level or the barest minimum for an acceptable

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<sup>2</sup>Ighile, Mark, & Venets. *A Conceptual Approach to the Study of Song and Music in Benin Society*, The Belogradchik Journal for Local History, Cultural Heritage and Folk Studies Vol. 3, Number 1. Research. Redeemer's University, NIGER, 2012.

<sup>3</sup>Little, Graham. *Approach to Literature*, (Sydney: Science Press, 1970), Pp. 174.

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<sup>4</sup>Louis, & Pojman. *Ethics; Discovering Right and Wrong*, (California: Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1990), Pp. 2.

<sup>5</sup>Benninga S. J., *Moral, Character, And Civic Education In The Elementary School*, (New York: Teachers College Press, 1991), Pp. 4.

level of living.<sup>6</sup> These basic values, therefore, should include the ability to perform moral responsibilities, the protection of life, securing food, clothing and shelter, education, the right to earn living, to set up a family. This level is sustenance: one has enough to live but not necessarily to enjoy added comforts. Islam believes that a human being cannot live without these basic values. Individuals and states should protect, or at least, respect these basic values.

One kind religion singer is Semi Yusuf. English and Arabic are used as the language of the songs. He likes to convey, advice and pilgrim message through this songs. His songs are known by local and international society and become interesting. As a singer he is included as success singer sending values and love. Now, Semi Yusuf has created five albums. *There are Al-Mu'allim , My Ummah, Wherever You Are , Salaam and The Centre.*

Abbas (2013: 4) stated that from Islamic perspective, quality is a total concept. It encompasses not only relationships among human beings but also between human beings and Allāh SWT. The basic quality of work in Islam is based upon both slavery and khaliph values, both of which are harmoniously integrated. In Islam, *ihsan* encompasses sincerity and *itqan*. Entrepreneurs must be sincere in their duties (for the sake of Allāh SWT). Profit is not the ultimate aim. *Itqan* means excellence and is the benchmark. Thus, the combination of sincere and *itqan* is a positive quality in Islam. Moral values are things held to be right or wrong or desirable or undesirable. According to Nawawi (2011: 92) in Islamic concept there are eight good personalities that appropriate with moral Qur'an and this discussion. Those are: Amanah (trust), Iman (Faithful), Patient, Tawakal (Trust to God), Honest, Gratitude, Optimistic, Repentance. Those values are applied in analysis of Semi Yusuf's songs.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup>Ahmed, Akgunduz. *The Values and Norms of Islam*, The journal of Rotterdam Islamic and Social Science, 2010, Pp. 1.

<sup>7</sup>Nawawi, S. *Kepribadian Qur'ani*, (Jakarta: AMZAH, 2011), Pp. 92.

## II. METHODOLOGY

The writer uses qualitative approach. McMillan<sup>8</sup> assumed that qualitative perspectives must be understood and included in interpreting findings. The writer wants to give complete information about this study. The data sources of this study are *Eid song, The Cave Of Hira, You Come To Me, He Is There, Make Me Strong*. These songs are included into first album until the three album which taken from Semi Yusuf's album. That song take from the first albums mualim in title *The Cave Of Hira*, and the second albums in title *Eid song* and the third albums wherever you are *You Come To Me, He Is There, and Make Me Strong*. The song are written by Semi Yusuf, Bara Kherigi, Conner Reeves. Those songs deal with morality aspect of life in order to be able to catch by the listeners and readers imagination. In this study, the writer uses content analysis and paraphrases to find out the content of moral values in the Semi Yusuf's songs lyric and retell the opinion on the text or lyrics of the songs. Then, the writer gets unity of intact story from the songs.

## III. FINDING AND DISCUSSION

The writer analyzes moral values found in five songs' lyric of Semi Yusuf. Moral values help us to determine what kinds of proper action and worthwhile and which are not, what are right and wrong, and good and or bad. In the Semi Yusuf's songs lyric, the writer paraphrases and found the some moral values delivered by the singer. Those are:

### A. Paraphrase in "Eid song"

Eid song tells a story about happiness in the day of Eid. Appear greet all people. Remember and pray to God. Hatred that is eliminated each other. Victory day is waited by all Muslims in the world, where everyone backed to nature as newborns spotless. Muslims always make Eid as celebration highway, moments to meet with family, giving gifts, visit family, or going home. Eid is meaningful day of joy, then the big day that all must be free from sadness. Moral Values in " Eid Song " are shown below:

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<sup>8</sup>McMillan. *Education Research. Fundamentals of Educational Research*, United States of America, 2004, Pp. 271.

Table 1. The Moral Values in “Eid” Songs Lyrics

Stanza	Lyric	Moral Values
Stanza 3	<i>” Their faces full of laughter, Their pockets full of sweets “</i>	<i>This moral value is about thanks to God. God will add to comfort if we thanks to God.</i>
Stanza 4	<i>“ People are giving charity, And helping those in need, In giving they’ recompleting</i>	<i>This moral value is about helpful. Like helping to ease the burden of others. With the help of the Gods will best reward us.</i>
Stanza 5	<i>Enemies embracing each other, All hatred is buried</i>	<i>This moral value is about forgiveness. We are as human are commanded to forgive to everyone.</i>

The singer tells about gratitude and happiness while celebrating Eid. In Islam, Eid celebration is being waited by every Muslim. Muslim makes Eid celebration because as the day of victory. It is very special that every people back to be pure. The third stanza, a writer found the moral values about thanks to God. Welcome the celebration Eid happily. In the third stanza stated on *“ their faces full of laughter “* in line 3 and *“ Let us rejoice indeed “* in line 5, it means that a face is full of laughter, joy, love and happiness while celebrating Eid. The highway is filled with crowds the beauty adorn Eid celebration. In line *“La ilahailla Allah, Muhammad rasullaah, La ilahailla Allah, Muhammad Rasulullah, ‘alayhisalatullah,‘ alayhisalatullah”* means thanks to God. Sholawat to prophet Muhammad to obtain a form of intercession and compassion to the prophet Muhammad SAW and Allah SWT. Allah will give some rewards for Muslims who want to give forgiveness, as stated in the Holy Al Qur’an.

In fourth stanza, the writer found a moral value about helpful. In line 1 and 2 tell about *“people are giving charity and helping reviews those in needs”*. It means that need to help each other. To help is written in holy Al-Qur’an as God saying *“dan tolong menolonglah kamu dalam ( mengerjakan ) kebijakan dan takwa, dan janganlah kamu berbuat dosa dan dan pelanggaran dan bertakwalah kamu kepada Allah, sesungguhnya*

*Allah amat berat siksa-Nya “* (Q.S. Al-Maidah: 2).

It is distinctly the attitude of helping each other to another one, is highly recommended. Helping indeed is part of the teachings of Islam. Islam requires everyone to help each other to someone that more needy. We must accustom ourselves to help each other in everyday life.

The last stanza found moral values about forgiveness. In line 2 *“all hatred is buried”*. It means that all the blame should be forgotten. We are as Muslims should forgive each other. And it is a command from God that we must use in the life of celebrating Eid obligatory.

### B. Paraphrase in “ The Cave of Hira Song”

This story of this song describes about the history of Islam, place of the Prophet Muhammad SAW, calm the mind until one day revelation descended through the Jibril angel. The revelation of God to the Prophet Muhammad evolved first step of Islam. The cave where was Prophet Muhammad received revelations through the angel.

Table 2. The Moral Value in “The Cave of Hiro” Song Lyrics.

Stanza	Lyric	Moral Values
Stanza 6	<i>He summoned people to Allah, And led them on his path, Mankind lived in the darkness, Everyone alive was just blind</i>	<i>The moral value is about thanks to God. We are grateful to thank to the God and God will add to His grace to us.</i>
Stanza 8	<i>Our love for him knows no bounds, It is loftier than the clouds, Whenever his name is mentioned</i>	<i>The moral value is about love. Love is given by God to people. In everyday life, love is given to every one but God will add love and grace for His servants who are patient.</i>

The singer tells about thanks to God and love to the prophet Muhammad SAW as a prophet. The sixth stanza, the writer found moral value in line 1, 2 and 3 *“He’s a mercy for mankind, His speech was gentle and kind, He summoned people to Allah “*. It means that invite mankind to give thanks to God. Invite to do

good things as an expression of our gratitude to God. We are grateful that God will increase the pleasure that he has given. We shall be grateful that we got more reward from Him. Gratitude in daily life is necessary to get a quiet life.

According to Ibn ‘Alan, in the book *Al-Falahin* argument, thanks giving is a servant management for various favors which God gave him to reach his love. So, be grateful for all favors. Nawawi said that starting from the life that has been given to us through everything that is given while live in the world, best managed, in accordance with the favors are not managed in accordance with his demand, so please bear the consequences.<sup>9</sup>

We live in the world with the existence not to be useless. However, it should hear the word of God that has turned: “*I did not create the jinn and men but that they (men) worship me.*”( Az-Zariyat: 56 ). It is clear that we must understand, accept, and realize that this life just a while, be grateful as well as possible, by worship to Him. Worship in the broadest sense.

The second moral value is about love. Love can be defined into several definitions. Love is for God. People should have love that God commanded in our daily life. In the eighth stanza on line five stated that “*Our love for him knows no bounds*”. Love that God has given to us has no bounds in everyday life.

In line nine, there is word” *Oh Allah sends your blessings* “. It shows that God will give his gift to his servant who will praise and love to Him and the Prophet Muhammad SAW as his Rosul. God gives us grace and He sends commands through the prophet Muhammad SAW in Hiro cave as proof.

### C. Paraphrase in “You Came To Me song”

*You Come to Me* song describes about the love of the Prophet Muhammad SAW and the hope that always gets a help. People loved Prophet Muhammad SAW. People want to learn to be the best left vices are hated by God. It is hoping for prosperity in the life of the beloved Prophet. Love to Prophet Muhammad

SAW which makes heart calm. Fill the day with love to the prophet Muhammad SAW is one of realizations of love to God. Grateful on given favors of God.

Table 3. The Moral Value in You Came To Me Song Lyrics.

Stanza	Lyric	Moral Values
Stanza 1	“ You came to me, in that hour of need, When I was so lost, so lonely You came to me took my breath away, When I was so lost, so lonely	This moral value is about optimistic. Optimistic soul is always think positively. Having a lot of opportunities in daily life
Stanza 8	<i>Showed right from wrong, Taught me to be strong, Need you more than ever, Ya Rasul ALLAH</i>	This moral value is about faithfulness. Those who believe it is definitely trust God with all heart and get peace in his heart.

The moral values that existed on stanza one is about optimistic. It is not easy living by optimism. Optimistic habit can lead us to be successful. In second line “*When I was so lost, so lonely and line four When I was so lost, so lonely*” means that to feel aloneliving turns of life, people must be optimistic and not easily discouraged. Convinced that any optimistic habits definitely get help from the God. Allah SWT will not leave the people who are always on the right path. Optimistic soul always thinks positive thoughts. Peace of mind and life would be perceived if they have a sense of strong and optimistic spirit.

Islam considers this very positive optimistic spirit; even against pessimistic attitude that often leads to despair, which in fact is often detrimental. The means Al Qur’an forbids us on pessimist, it means the opposite, and Qur’an advocated optimist. In line “*O My sons! Go ye and enquire about Joseph and His brother, and never give up hope of Allah. Soothing mercy : truly no one despairs of Allah. Soothing Mercy, except those who have no faith.*”( Surah Yusuf : 87) and “*He knows what penetrates into the earth and what emerges from it and what descends from the heaven and what ascends therein; and He is with you wherever*

<sup>9</sup>Nawawi, S. *Kepribadian Qur’ani*, Pp. 101.

you are. And Allah, of what you do, is Seeing.. (Qs. Al-hadid (57:4).

In eighth stanza line eight the word “Need you more than ever Ya Rasul ALLAH”. It means that hopes to achieve well-being in life. It will be better Faith and trust. As psychophysical creature, human beings in achieving prosperity of his life, not only need things that are material, but also need of security, peace, tranquility and safety. It can be achieved by implementing the perception of Allah, whether related to the soul and the heart. It can be said that a soul which is called faithful when the individual heart has entered with matter related to the dimension of faith, like the God, angel, prophets, His holy book and the final day. If those all has not been entered into the heart, for example, had been in the area of souls, the man has not been faith because the place of faith is in your heart.

#### D. Paraphrase in “ He Is There song”

This story of song describes about dedication to all those whose lives and livelihoods have been taken away by natural disaster. All proceeds will go toward rebuilding the lives of the countless victims who await our help. Believe to help of God that will come to mitigate all loads. Disaster makes their life miserable and expects the strains of the hands of the people. God is always with them while tears dripped. Always believe there is ease of disaster behind them. Live by helping each other expected to mitigate the burden.

Table 4. The Moral Value in He Is There Song Lyrics

Stanza	Lyric	Moral Values
Stanza 1	“Some might say this world today shows God’s left us to our mistakes oh He has never been so far away”	This moral value is about optimis. Convinced that God’s help is always there. That God’s help is always there no matter how much our mistakes, God always shows the path of light.

Stanza 3	In every tear That is where He is there	This moral value is about “tawakal” (trust to God ). Every human being instruction is to put their trust so that the heart becomes calm.
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The moral value in this song is about optimist. At first stanza line two stated that “ God’s left us to our mistakes oh, He has never been so far away “ means that we have so many mistakes but God never leaves us. God will always protect us from all dangers. Remains optimistic whatever is happening. Optimistic soul will be calm and confident of the greatness of God in living everyday life. Optimistic looks at life bright and full of hope completely.

Optimistic soul is great soul with positive thinking. For those who have it, life has a lot of opportunities, not narrow. For that thing, it is related to how the effort to develop the strength, faith and belief.

In the third stanza stated that “ In every tear That is where He is there “. The meaning as well as is better place to complain when grief is a God. God always be a place to rest all matters concerning all aspects of everyday human life. “Tawakal” is very need in life for peace of mind. The purpose of “Tawakal” creates optimist. Optimist is the spirit of all actions, both physically and spiritually to the one who is the best of all the resting place of human affairs, the hope, all the planned actions, and will be done, not in vain.

#### E. Paraphrase in “ Make Me Strong song”

The theme in this song is about waiting for something strong. In addition, life is a struggle that must be fought. People must believe that God will show the right way. People wait for help from God to get a better life. God will show the greatness and power for the patient and strong in confront of disaster. Strong in confront of disaster will make a better person. Every successful person will experience a variety of exams in advance. In holy Al-Qur’an explained that our obligatory are asking help from God in many things by strong and patient waiting for God’s help.

Table 5. The Moral Value in Make Me Strong Song Lyrics

Stanza	Lyric	Moral values
Stanza 1	I know I'm waiting Waiting for something Something to happen to me	This moral value is about patient. Patient always gets peace of mind.
Stanza 3	My Lord show me right from wrong Give me light make me strong I know the road is long <i>Make me strong</i>	This moral value is about faithful. People must believe that get help from God is needed.

The moral values in this song is about patient. In first line in first stanza stated that “ *I know I'm waiting, and Waiting for something* “. The meaning is calm to face life. The patient soul is owned by the patient person. A patient person is a person who faces life with the way people life. In life, patient usually perceived as the attitude of avoiding the rush, which is acting prudently identical with the action taken slowly. Also it is commonly associated with the attitude afford to wait, in other words, accommodating to the dimension of time.

And the third stanza talked about faithful. In line stated that “ *My Lord show me right from wrong* “ means that believe to the God will show all mistakes. When People make mistakes in living, it can also make them patient and strong. Patience must be accompanied by optimistic. It will be restless without optimistic hearts and not believe in the greatness of god.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

After finding and discussion, the writer writes the conclusion about “An Analysis of Semi Yusuf Song’s Lyric based on Islamic Moral Values. The moral values found in Semi Yusuf songs are Eid song, The Cave Of Hiro, You Came To Me, He Is There, Make Me Strong.

1. *Eid song*, this song is about Eid celebration. There are some moral values existed in this song. Those are love, helpful and forgive other people.

2. *The Cave Of Hiro*, this song is about love that is given by God to the servants so that people become a better and better. The moral value is about thanks to God. It is the Invitation to do good thing as the expression of our gratitude to God. People should be grateful and God will increase the pleasure that has been given. We should be grateful that we got more reward from Him. It is necessary to get a quiet life.
3. *You Came To Me*, this song is about help from God who is always everywhere. The moral values that existed in these songs are optimist, and faithful. People are living in everyday life will reserve the optimism. It is not easy to give up and despair. Optimistic habit can lead us to be successful people. People will keep Faith and trust better. As psychophysical creature, human beings achieve prosperity of his life, not only need materials, but also need security, peace, tranquility and safety.
4. *He Is There*, this song is about God who is always around us. The moral values that existed in this song are about optimist, “*tawakal*” to God. Optimistic soul is great soul by positive thinking. The people who have such kind of values will have a lot of opportunities. “*Tawakal*” is otherwise called pessimistic, which is a narrow though, seems all difficult, and many obstacles. In contrast, the optimistic souls will guide to have feeling hopes.
5. *Make Me Strong*, in this song about patient waiting something. Moral values that existed in there is about patient, strong and optimist. Patience is sometimes owned by the patient person. In life, patience is usually perceived as the attitude of avoiding rush, which acts prudently identical with the action taken slowly.

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