# Poetic devices analysis: The effect of rhyming words on creating mood in Adi Kusrianto's poem "Beautiful Mourn"

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**A B S T R A K**

*Sajak merupakan salah satu perangkat puitis bagi seorang penyair untuk mengekspresikan emosi dan pengalamannya. Cara sajak digunakan dalam sebuah puisi dapat mengirimkan suasana hati tertentu kepada pembacanya. Oleh karena itu, penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mendeskripsikan pengaruh sajak kata dalam menciptakan suasana hati dalam puisi Adi Kusrianto "Beautiful Mourn" berdasarkan teori Attridge (1995). Penelitian ini menggunakan metodologi deskriptif-kualitatif dan data dikumpulkan dalam bentuk kata-kata. Hasil studi ini menemukan ada enam kata yang terdiri dari turned, dead, head, thorns, storm, dan mourns dalam dua bait yang memberikan titik awal untuk memahami peran emosional "Beautiful Mourn". Pemilihan kata secara hati-hati dan penempatannya dalam skema sajak dengan sukses membantu membangun suasana hati tertentu. Peneliti menemukan bahwa melalui sajak kata yang digunakan dalam puisi, "Beautiful Mourn" adalah karya seni menawan yang dengan terampil merangkai tema kesedihan dan keindahan, menciptakan suasana sedih, berduka, dan menangis dalam harmoni.*

**A B S T R A C T**

Rhyme is one of the great poetic devices for a poet to express their emotions and experiences. The way rhyme is used in a poem can transmit certain moods to the readers. Therefore, this study aimed to describe the effect of rhyming words on creating mood in Adi Kusrianto's poem "Beautiful Mourn" based on Attridge's (1995) theory. It employed descriptive-qualitative methodology, and the data were collected as words. The study results found six different words, including turned, dead, head, thorns, storm, and mourns, in two stanzas that provided a starting point for understanding the role of rhyme in shaping the aesthetic and emotional qualities of "Beautiful Mourn". The carefully selected words and their placement in the rhyme scheme helped establish a specific mood successfully. The researcher found that through the rhyming words in the poem, "Beautiful Mourn" is a charming piece of art that skilfully weaves the themes of sorrow and beauty, creating a mood of sadness, mourning, and weeping in harmony.

## Introduction

Poem is a powerful art form that allows a poet to express their emotions and experiences through the use of creative language (Khoiriyah, Masitoh, & Muniroch, 2020). One of the key elements that contribute to the impact of poem is rhyme. Rhyme is one of the most interesting poetic devices (Sherry & Schouten, 2002). To be more

specific, a rhyme is simply the repetition of similar sounds in two or more words. However, rhyme can be challenging to use, because this is one of the complex skills in writing poetry (Wahibullah & Indah, 2021). It takes considerable skill to match the rhyme scheme into a harmony (Glaser & Culler, 2019). Different kinds of poem frequently use rhymes, especially at the ends of the lines. Furthermore, rhyme in a poem has a significant correlation with the mood of the readers. The use of rhyme in a poem can elicit certain emotional reactions and alter the reader's overall mood. The use of rhyme in a poem can also help to emphasize the meaning and intent of the words. Rhyme is utilized in poetry because, in addition to being entertaining to read and hear, the recurrence of sounds (particularly when consistent) transmits a varied mood to the readers (Glaser & Culler, 2019). As a consequence, the researcher finds it fascinating to investigate the rhyme pattern in Adi Kusriyanto's poem "Beautiful Mourns," which appears in the book "A Poem I Wrote for You."

Mood refers to the emotional atmosphere and spiritual messeges established by the poet's words, imaginations, and overall composition in a poem. Therefore, a poem might produces a sensation or emotional condition in the readers or listeners (Wahibullah & Indah, 2021). The reader's understanding and experience of the poetry are greatly influenced by mood. To develop and improve the atmosphere of their poems, poets use literary devices such as rhyme, imagery, figurative language, and tone creatively, so it can become a separate work (Wahibullah & Indah, 2021). Somber, joyous, melancholy, mysterious, romantic, or any other emotional state might be present. It establishes the poem's general tone and ambience, influencing the reader's perception and emotional response.

By analyzing poetic devices, we will delve into how different rhymes can influence and enhance the emotional mood of the reader. Furthermore, almost all of Adi's poetry in the book used poetic devices to describe life and love. Adi is a writer who has written numerous books especially poetries that have been published by Elex Media Komputindo, Andi Publishing, and other national scale publishers. Adi is renowned as a writer or poet with a low profile but excellent works. The researcher argued that every rhyme words in a poem with the title "Beautiful Mourns" succeed in evoking various moods toward the readers.

The researcher use Derek Attridge theory in this study. Derek Attridge, a renowned literary theorist and scholar, has extensively explored the correlation between rhyme and mood in poetry (Cureton, 2019). According to Attridge theory, rhymes can gain various moods by producing a sound harmony or discordance. Rhymes that are harmonic, with comparable vowel and consonant sounds produce a sense of balance and coherence in the reader, generating a pleasant or tranquil attitude. When rhymes are discordant or unexpected, it disrupts established patterns and creates tension, eliciting a more disturbing emotional reaction. Furthermore, Attridge contends that rhyme may be used to increase emotional intensity inside a poem. Rhyme feature and magnifies specific words or concepts by repeating identical sounds at regular intervals, imbuing them with increased significance and emotional weight. These concepts automatically can evoke a range of moods, from joy to melancholy and despair, depending on the specific linguistic and contextual cues provided by the poet. It is mean

that every writer especially poet needs to construct line to line in their lireray work so they can convince the readers and persuade them to read further (Fitriyah, 2020).

In this study, the researcher used a descriptive-qualitative methodology. In literary studies, this method is frequently used to look into multiple elements of a particular topic or issue. This method involve examining and interpreting textual data from any literature sources, such as books, articles, essays, or other written materials (Polkinghorne, 2005). The descriptive qualitative method offers the researcher a flexible and in-depth approach to explore and analyze literature. By focusing on the qualitative aspects of the literature, the researcher can generate new insights, theories, or hypotheses.

The poem "Beautiful Mourn" written by Adi Kusrianto which can be found on page 29 of the book "A Poem I Wrote for You" serves as the data source of this study. Additionally, the researchers applied narrative analysis to study the rhyme scheme used on the data source. The researcher study the poetic techniques used in that poem to discover how it affect the readers' perception of the poem's overall meaning and atmosphere. The data were collected in the form of words, phrases, and sentences (Firdausi et al., 2023). Thus, this research aims to analyze what pattern of rhymes use in the poem "Beautiful Mourn" and how does the rhyme in that poem affect the mood of the reader in understanding the meaning of the poem.

## Discussion

Poetry is a powerful medium for everyone to conveying their emotions, thoughts, and experiences (Wahibullah & Indah, 2021). It allows writers to convey their ideas effectively and evocatively, frequently using devices such as imagery, metaphor, and rhythm to give readers a distinctive creative experience. Writing a poem for someone may be a very private and very personal act. It denotes a want to express their emotions, ideas, or experiences to the target audience directly. A poem written for someone can have a wide range of substance and style, depending on the author's goals and their relationship with the subject. While some poems may be passionate and romantic, others could be contemplative or reflective. The poem could be written as a love letter, a memorial, or a way to express thanks or regret.

Furthermore, the relationship between rhyme and mood in poetry is a topic that has been explored by various scholars and critics. Rhyme, as a formal element of poetry, can contribute to the overall mood or atmosphere of a poem. The choice of rhyme scheme, the sounds created by rhyming words, and the repetition of certain sounds can generate different emotional responses in the readers (Cureton, 2019). For example, a poem with a regular and consistent rhyme scheme might create a sense of harmony, order, or even playfulness, thereby affecting the reader's mood accordingly. On the other hand, an irregular or unpredictable rhyme scheme might evoke a sense of tension, dissonance, or unease.

### Analysis of Rhyming Words

Before starting with the analysis of the poem, the researcher finds it secessary to give a brief introduction about the poet and the poem. Adi Kusriyanto is a modern poet

with many works that has been published including fiction and non-fiction such as self-improvement books and books of poems. One of the most interesting books he wrote was "A Poem I Wrote for You". To be more specific, the poet use of rhymes in the book "A Poem I Wrote for You" occurred frequently, especially in the poem "Beautiful Mourn". Based on the results that the researcher found, Adi kusrianto used some rhyming words in every lines and stanzas of the poem. Table 1 summarized the data on Adi Kusrianto use of rhyming words:

**Tabel 1.** The use of rhyming word in the poem "Beautiful Mourns".

| Rhyming words | Lines | Stanzas | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Darkest scream suddenly turned | 1st line | 1 | |
| Into red, the air inside sounded dead, | 2nd line | 1 | |
| War keeps fighting in my head. | 4th line | 1 | |
| Rose bloom to the most beautiful thorns, | 6th line | 2 | |
| To the restless storm, | 8th line | 2 | |
| This soul proudly mourns. | 10th line | 2 | |
| | | Total: | 6 |

Let us closely look at the result above. The language that used in the poem is rather simple. The results presented in the table provide insights into the rhyming words employed by Adi Kusriyanto in the poem "Beautiful Mourn." The table indicates that a total of six different rhyming words were includes the words: turned, dead, head, thorns, storm, and mourns. These rhyme words contribute to the overall aesthetic and emotional impact that the poem created by giving a sense of sonic cohesion and pattern.

To be more specific, in the first stanzas, the word "turned" indicates a change or transformation, which implies a shift in perspective or an important event in the poem. This rhyme can serve as a metaphorical device to convey a turning point in the narrative or the emotional journey depicted. Furthermore, the used of the word "dead" in the second line introduces the narrator's sense of loss, evoking a somber or melancholy tone. It can be concluded that this poem contains themes of sadness, absence, or the fragility of life. Then, the rhyme word "head" here can indicate a focus on thought or introspection of the character. This could signify an exploration of the inner thoughts, emotions, or pattern that the poet or character is feeling in this piece of poem.

In the second stanzas, the inclusion of "thorns" in the first line suggests the elements of pain, struggle, or obstacle. This imagery could symbolize the challenges that faced by the character or serve as a metaphorical representation of emotional turmoil. Also, the word "storm" adds a sense of noise or clutter to the poem. It might represent external conflicts, internal struggles, or a metaphorical storm of emotions. Finally, the used of word "mourns" connects to the title of the poem "Beautiful Mourn." This word emphasized the mood of sad, mourning, sorrow, or weep, providing a central emotional

anchor for the poem. This word contributed to the overall atmosphere and intensity of the poem.

By employing these six different words, which gave a harmony as a rhyme, Adi Kusrianto created a varied soundscape within the poem. The selection of these words and their placement in the rhyme scheme helped establish a specific mood and emotion, and enhance the overall impact of the poem's massage. It is important to note that a comprehensive analysis of the poem would require a closer examination of the poem's structure, themes, imagery, and other linguistic devices employed (Attridge, 1995). Nevertheless, the present of these six rhyming words provided a starting point for understanding the role of rhyme in shaping the aesthetic and emotional qualities of "Beautiful Mourn".

Based on the analysis, the researcher also finds that the poem exhibits two distinct rhyming schemes. In the first stanza, the rhyme scheme follows an a,a,a pattern. This consistent rhyme scheme created a sense of cohesion, harmonious structure, contributing to the overall flow and rhythm of the poem. This repetition of sound can enhance the reader's engagement and create a pleasing aesthetic effect. It also establishes a strong foundation for the emotional impact of the poem by reinforcing the thematic elements or key ideas present in the first stanza. In contrast, the second stanza of the poem "Beautiful Mourn" adopts a different rhyme scheme, that is b,b,b. This scheme indicates that the end words of the three lines in the second stanza rhyme with each other but differ from the rhyming words in the first stanza. The use of a distinct rhyme scheme in the second stanza introduces a shift or variation in the poem's sonic pattern.

By employing two different rhyme schemes in the poem "Beautiful Mourn," the poet demonstrates an intentional choice to vary the sonic patterns and evoke different emotional responses. This strategic use of rhyme contributes to the poem's overall structure, enhances its aesthetic qualities, and enriches the reader's experience by creating both continuity and contrast within the work (Firdausi et al., 2023).

In conclusion, Adi Kusriyanto's poem "Beautiful Mourn" is a charming piece of art that skillfully weaves the themes of sorrow and beauty. One notable aspect of this poem is the use of rhyming words, which plays a significant role in build up the overall mood (Attridge, 1995).

**Analysis of Mood**

In general, the consistent rhyme scheme often establishes a sense of order, balance, and harmony within the poem. This regularity and repetition of sound create a predictable and structured rhythm, which can evoke a calming effect on the reader. The consistent rhyme scheme contributes to a sense of melodic quality, enhancing the aesthetic appeal of the poem (Attridge, 1995).

In the terms of mood, the consistent rhyme scheme can evoke a sense of serenity, tranquility, or even contentment. The predictable pattern of sounds can embed a feeling of stability and reassurance, providing the reader with a sense of comfort or emotional security. The poem may send out a peaceful or meditative atmosphere, inviting the

reader to reflect or contemplate upon the themes and ideas presented (symbol and mood).

Furthermore, the consistent rhyme scheme can also contribute to a sense of coherence and unity in the poem (Attridge, 1995). The repeated sounds create a thread that connects the lines, reinforcing the overall message or the theme. This sense of cohesion can evoke a mood of clarity, understanding, or even a sense of resolution. The consistent rhyme scheme can help convey a strong sense of purpose and intention in the poet's crafting of the poem, which can resonate with the reader and create a positive emotional response.

According to Attridge, the regular recurrence of similar sounds in rhyme words creates a sense of pattern and musicality, growing the reader's attention and heightening their engagement with the content of the poem. This heightened engagement then plays a significant role in the reader's emotional response to the poem (Attridge, 1995). The reseachers found that Adi Kusriyanto's poem ''Beautiful Mourn'' is a charming piece of art that skillfully weaves the themes of sorrow and beauty. One notable aspect of this poem is the use of rhyming words, which plays a significant role in build up the overall mood (Attridge, 1995). The words turned, dead, head, thorns, storm, and mourns created the mood of sad, mourning, and weeping in a harmony successfully.

## Conclusion

Adi Kusriyanto's poem "Beautiful Mourn" demonstrates the transformative power of rhyming words in creating and enhancing the mood of a poem. The consistent rhyme scheme establishes a mournful atmosphere that resonates with the reader's emotions. Additionally, the carefully selected rhyming words contribute to the coherence, unity, and layered significance of the poem (Attridge, 1995). Ultimately, the use of rhyming words in "Beautiful Mourn" invites the reader on an empathetic journey, forging a profound connection between the poet's emotions and the reader's own experiences (Marcus, 2021). It is a testament to the enduring power of rhyme in shaping the mood and impact of poetic works.

However, to look more specific about this study, the next researchers may examine how the use of rhyming words affects mood in different poetic genres, such as love poetry, nature poetry, elegies, etc. Investigate whether certain rhyme patterns or types of rhymes are more conducive to evoking specific moods within those genres. The next study also can compare the effects of rhyming words on mood in poetry with other literary forms that employ rhyme, such as song lyrics or nursery rhymes. Explore similarities and differences in how rhyme is utilized to evoke emotions, considering factors such as rhythm, musicality, and narrative context.

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