

Chapter V

Conclusion and Suggestion

This chapter is about the conclusion and recommendation based on the result of the research.

Conclusion

Based on the data, Maya Angelou's poem "Caged Bird" or generally known "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" and "Still I Rise" are indicating the message of racial discrimination. In "Caged Bird" Maya explain about what she feel and what she experienced as black people, yet in "Still I Rise" she explain about her strong desire of being free and that she optimist. The historical background of her, she as the fact that she was married four times and she was experienced many unexpected things including racist dentist, lynching and even her parent's divorcement when she was six years old. She used to dreams of having blonde hair by her desire of being like white people (Janousckova, 2005).

The other fact like that she used to be in the same working place and civil right movement with Malcolm X and Martin Luther King also become the great evidence that Maya is "Singing the song of freedom for black people". Additionally, "Caged Bird" that published few years after Martin's assassination after her autobiography 1969 *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (1983) "Still I Rise" (1987) that published right five years after the poem that show that she is now strong enough and she will survive and will fight for the sake of her people. In conclusion, Maya Angelou's poem "Caged Bird" and "Still I Rise" are consist of racial discrimination. So that Maya Angelou's *Caged Bird* and *Still I Rise* is

poems that portrayed the social structure in the era of the poem, especially about the fact of social problem as the topic of this research which is racial discrimination.

Suggestion

This research is recommended to some people. The first is English department students. As the students of English Department who will definitely learn about literature and literary research from Introduction to Literature to Literary Criticism, this research could be one of reference to learn about literature especially poem, racial discrimination and historical approach. The second is to the educator and future educator of English Department of State University of Gorontalo to add information and to be pilot of study and comparison about the similar topic. Moreover, this research also could be reference to teach about related study. This research also could be one of reference for the other department such as Pendidikan Bahasa Indonesia because this research gives information about topic that also one of topic that also discussed in that department.