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# Semiotic Meaning and Moral Value of "Mind Over Matters" Song By Young The Giant

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Songs are frequently sung or listened to without knowing the meaning of the lyrics. The song "Mind Over Matter" by Young the Giant is one of the American indie rock songs that has meaning within its lyrics. The purpose of this research is to discover the semiotic meaning and moral values found in the lyrics of the song "Mind Over Matter" by Young The Giant. The method used in this research is a descriptive qualitative method, with the semiotic approach of Ferdinand De Saussure to find the semiotic meaning and moral values present in the lyrics of the song "Mind Over Matter" by Young The Giant. The song "Mind Over Matter" has a meaning that refers to struggle, determination, and spirit in facing life's challenges. This song depicts someone who is ready to overcome obstacles and uncertainties with the power of the mind and determination. The lyrics in this song can be interpreted as a message not to give up and keep moving forward despite obstacles or uncertainties. This song stimulates thoughts about the importance of maintaining enthusiasm and belief in facing change and difficult situations in life.

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# **INTRODUCTION**

Music is a universal language that enriches human life with beauty, emotions, and deep connections. From ancient times to the present day, music has been a loyal companion in the journey of humanity, reflecting various aspects of our lives. With the passage of time and the advancement of technology, music continues to evolve, offering diverse genres, styles, and forms that inspire, entertain, and reshape the way we interact with the world around us. Through exploration of the realm of music, we will delve into how it profoundly influences emotions, cultures, and identities. We will also observe how music has become a powerful language for voicing social and political messages. Let us together experience the wonders of music and uncover the profound beauty found in the harmonious notes that fill our ears and souls.

As an art form, music offers limitless room for creativity and interpretation, enabling artists to convey their expressions and communicate the collective human experience through exquisite melodies and harmonious compositions. Through the use of tunes and lyrics, music empowers us to navigate a wide range of emotions, from joy to sorrow, from obscurity to illumination, facilitating a profound immersion into and comprehension of life's intricate subtleties. By possessing the enchanting capacity to

connect the human spirit across the entire world, music metamorphoses into a universal language that embraces cultural diversity, surmounts language barriers, and binds us together in a shared artistic journey.

The song is a collection of beautifully arranged words that are sung with musical accompaniment. Songs are created based on musical composition and have rhythm and tempo to immerse listeners in the meaning of the song. A song can be seen as a masterpiece that arises from the depths of one's imagination, skillfully woven through the enchanting power of words in poetic form (Syamsurrijal, et al, 2023). Additionally, Rahmadhanti, et al (2022) highlight the widespread utilization of song as a powerful medium for conveying thoughts, ideas, and emotions. Therefore, intelligence in crafting song lyrics is essential in creating lyrics that are easy to remember and can leave an impression.

According to Brown (in Afriyuninda & Oktaviani, 2021), listening is a procedure of building and analyzing the connotation from both verbal and non-verbal input. In conclusion, listening could trigger the development of the second language so that second language learner can build, analyze and maintain social interaction using their listening ability.

Songwriters create songs as literary works. Their intention is for the lessons and meanings of the songs to be accepted and applied in everyday life. However, listeners can often misinterpret and have their interpretations of the meaning and message conveyed by the song.

The reason the researcher chose this song as the title of the research is because this song has several achievements in the music industry. It reached the peak of the Billboard Alternative Songs Chart and held high positions on various other charts. It gained significant popularity on radio and music streaming platforms like Spotify, attracting a large number of listeners. It received positive reactions from its audience, making it one of the best songs of 2014. It became a crucial part of their concert tours and a favorite in the indie and alternative music industry.

This research aims to examine the meaning and moral values embedded in the song "Mind Over Matter" by Young The Giant. In this research, an analysis will be conducted on the song lyrics to understand the implicit meaning and message conveyed by the song. Additionally, this research will also identify and analyze the moral values that can be extracted from the song lyrics. Meaning encompasses various aspects, including the speaker's intention, the impact of language on human perception and behavior, the dynamics of equivalence and imbalance in relationships, and the utilization of symbols (Kridalaksana in Batubara et al., 2022).

This research needs to be conducted for several reasons. First, it will provide a deeper understanding of the song's meaning. Through lyric analysis, we can uncover the implicit meaning and intended message conveyed by the song, thus developing a more comprehensive understanding and engaging listeners in a deeper interpretation. Second, the research will uncover the moral values embedded in the song "Mind Over Matter." Songs often serve as a medium to convey important moral values, and through this research, we can identify and analyze these values. This is important

because these values can influence the perspectives and attitudes of listeners towards various aspects of life.

The underlying reason for the topic "An Analysis Meaning and Moral Value of 'Mind Over Matter' by Young the Giant" is considered intriguing because it invites listeners to contemplate the relationship between the mind and reality, as well as how attitudes and mental convictions can influence how we face challenges in life. Furthermore, "Mind Over Matter" has gained popularity in the music industry or has had a significant impact on popular culture. Therefore, an analysis of the meaning and moral value in this song can provide insights into its influence on listeners and how moral messages in music can shape societal thoughts and attitudes.

Additionally, the disciplines of music and cultural studies will be significantly impacted by this research. We may learn more about how music affects listeners' ideas and feelings by looking at the song as a kind of cultural expression. We might also investigate how the moral implications of the song fit into a larger cultural framework.

The gap between expectations and reality can occur when there is a discrepancy between what is expected or desired from the song and what is actually revealed or reflected in its lyrics and message. For instance, listeners may expect that the song will convey a highly positive message or provide strong inspiration. However, after conducting an in-depth analysis of the meaning and moral values embedded in the song's lyrics, there may be a gap between their expectations and the reality that is unveiled. In some cases, the song may have a more complex or ambiguous meaning than anticipated. There is a possibility that listeners expect a more explicit or clear-cut message, but the song may possess hidden meanings or require deeper interpretation.

Additionally, expectations can be related to the moral values intended to be conveyed by the song. Listeners may expect the song to embody specific moral values such as empathy, justice, or courage. However, in reality, there may be differences in the actual moral values found within the song's lyrics. In this research, the writer will discuss the analysis of the meaning and moral values of "Mind Over Matter" Song by Young the Giant using Ferdinand de Saussure and Charles Sanders Peirce Semiotic approach.

Charles Sanders Peirce and Ferdinand de Saussure (1857-1913) are two prominent individuals who are frequently cited as the two founders of semiotics. The term "semiotics" is generally defined as follows: Studying signals and meanings in communication is referred to as semiotics. It entails an examination of the methods by which signs are employed to transmit messages as well as the ways in which meaning is created and interpreted in social and cultural contexts. In order to comprehend the sign system and the communication processes that take place inside it, semiotic theory aims to grasp both. The signifier, which is the sign's outward appearance, and the signified, which is the meaning it conveys, are the two primary parts of a sign, in accordance with Saussure. In his study, he also makes a distinction between langue, which is a language's structure, and parole, which is language usage itself. By combining three different sorts of signals—iconographic signs (based on physical similarity), indexical signs (based on cause-and-effect correlations), and symbolic signs

(based on social conventions)—Peirce broadens the definition of semiotics. Additionally, he adds the idea of the interpretant, which describes the interpretation that the sign-receiver creates.

Semiotics, the profound study of signs permeating the very fabric of human existence, unveils the enigmatic layers of meaning concealed within these symbolic manifestations (Pristianingrum & Damayanti, 2022). Siregar (2022) added that semiotics, a field deeply rooted in communication theory, has evolved into a revered tradition. Within this tradition, various theories have emerged to enlighten us on how signs intricately depict the essence of objects, ideas, circumstances, situations, feelings, and conditions beyond their existence. Furthermore, Siregar & Yahaya (2022) mentioned that semiotics is the science of signs that considers the phenomenon of social communication or society and culture.

This research offers in-depth insights into the relevance and moral message of Young The Giant's song "Mind Over Matter". It's important to keep in mind that each person will interpret the meaning and moral implications of a piece of music differently and that this research only looks at one song. Future research may look at other songs or relevant musical works to have a better understanding of this topic.

In the context of the topic "Mind Over Matter," there are several demands that can be presented in the field: a) Lyric Meaning Analysis: This research requires a thorough analysis of the meaning of the lyrics of the song "Mind Over Matter." It involves understanding the use of words, phrases, and lyrical structure employed by Young The Giant. This demand necessitates a good understanding of language and literature, as well as the ability to identify and interpret the meaning contained within the song's lyrics; b) Introduction to Moral Values: This research also demands the recognition and analysis of moral values embedded in the song. It is important to identify the values that Young The Giant seeks to convey through the lyrics of "Mind Over Matter." This requires an understanding of ethics, morality, and sensitivity to the moral messages conveyed through music.

By meeting these field demands, the research on the song "Mind Over Matter" can provide a deeper insight into its meaning and moral values.

### **METHOD**

This research was a descriptive qualitative research that used documentary research. In an effort to analyze the meaning and moral values of a song, it was necessary first to understand the basis of the meaning of the song in its analysis. Creswell (in Ramadhani et al., 2019) articulates that qualitative research offers a sophisticated avenue to confront research quandaries where the variables are not well-known, necessitating a comprehensive exploration. Furthermore, as asserted by Saldana (2011), qualitative research encompasses a diverse range of approaches and methodologies tailored to unravel the intricate nuances of natural social phenomena.

This research used descriptive analysis to examine the meaning and moral values in the song "Mind Over Matter" by Young The Giant. The researcher applied semiotics theory from Ferdinand De Saussure (in Sørensen & Thellefsen, 2022) and

collected data from the lyrics of the song found on the KapanLagi.com website. The researcher analyzed the research subject by using Ferdinand de Saussure's semiotics theory through data obtained from the data collection process, thus obtaining a clear picture of the object to be studied. The stages of the researcher in analyzing the meaning of the song were as follows: (1) carefully listened to the song through a mobile phone, MP3 player, or other music player, (2) translated the song lyrics into Indonesian, (3) analyzed the meaning of each lyric of the song, (4) extracted the meaning from each phrase and clause in the song.

#### FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The The researcher focused on the signs and signifiers analyzed semiotically by Ferdinand de Saussure in the lyrics of song "Mind Over Matter" by Young the Giant.

# History Of Young the Giant

Young The Giant is an indie rock band hailing from the United States, formed in 2004 in Irvine, California. Originally known as "The Jakes" when its members were still teenagers, the group consisted of several high school friends who shared a common interest in music. The band consists of the following 5 members: Sameer Gadhia – (Vocalist), Jacob Tilley – (Guitarist), Eric Cannata – (Guitarist), Payam Doostzadeh – (Bassist), Francois Comtois – (Drummer). In 2010, after changing their name to Young The Giant, they released their self-titled debut album, "Young The Giant." This album garnered widespread attention and contributed to their success in the music industry. One of the standout tracks from this album was "Cough Syrup," which became a hit and helped introduce them to a broader audience.

Young The Giant has become a successful band in the alternative music scene since they started and has a large fan base. They release new music and tour worldwide. This shows that independent bands can achieve popularity in the music industry. Their fans are highly devoted and connected to their music and performances. In addition to their musical success, the band members actively participate in social and political campaigns and support various charitable causes, showing their dedication to important social issues. These accomplishments demonstrate the success of Young The Giant as an independent band that is widely recognized and loved by fans and also makes a positive impact outside of their music.

## **Research Findings**

In this research, the song to be examined is the lyrics of the song titled "Mind Over Matter," popularized by Young The Giant.

Analyze Verse I "Mind Over Matter"
 Mind over matter
 Does it matter to any of us?
 Don't change the subject
 I'm heavy on your love
 I missed that train

New York City, it rains

Fly to East L.A. in big jet planes"

You know you're on my mind?"

# Syntagmatic and Paradigmatic Relationships In Verse 1:

- a. Syntagmatic
  - 1. Mind Over Matter

**Mind**: Thoughts, Mental Procces

Matter: Physical Substance, Something that occupies space and has mass,

Problem

2. Does it Matter to Any of Us

Us : Refers to oneself and others as a group

3. Don't **Change** The **Subject** 

**Change**: Become Different

Subject: Thing Discussed

4. I'm **Heavy** In ur **Love** 

**Heavy**: Density

**Love**: Strong Affection, Emotional Attachment

5. I Missed The Train

Missed: Not Reached or Experienced

**Train**: A Connected Series of Railroad Cars

6. New York City, It Rains

**Rains**: Precipitation in the form of water droplets.

7. Fly to East L.A In Big Jet Planes

**Big** : Large in size or extent

**Jet Planes**: Fast, jet-powered aircraft for long-distance travel

8. You **Know** You're on my **Mind** 

**Know**: Understanding

**Mind**: The mental faculties, thoughts, consciousness

### b. Paradigmatic

In life, our thoughts and mental strength are often our most valuable assets when we encounter difficulties. Our consciousness, like a train of thought, guides us through life's ups and downs. Sometimes, our problems can feel as heavy as physical objects, but maintaining a positive outlook and strong emotional connections to our goals can make a significant difference. Just as heavy rains nurture the earth and support growth, our challenges can lead to personal development. Our determination, much like the powerful engines of jet planes, propels us towards our dreams. In the grand scheme of life, our ability to maintain our mental faculties and positive thinking even in tough times is crucial. With determination and the support of our loved ones, we can face challenges as opportunities for growth and transformation. Based on the syntagmatic and paradigmatic relationships in the second line, it means that:

Sentences create a picture of overcoming life's challenges with determination and a positive outlook. "Mind over matter" depicts that our mental strength can conquer

physical obstacles. While we often ask, "Does it matter to any of us?" in the context of a life filled with questions and uncertainties, we are advised not to lose sight of the important things with "Don't change the subject." Love, as expressed in "I'm heavy on your love," illustrates that affection and commitment can overcome the weight of emotions. Sometimes, opportunities pass by like "I missed that train," but in the imagery of "New York City, it rains" and the journey "Fly to East L.A. in big jet planes," we find a spirit of adventure and longing that ignites our spirits. The final question, "You know you're on my mind?" underscores how thoughts and feelings are ever-present in our lives. Overall, the message conveyed is that with strong determination and a positive perspective, we can conquer life's challenges, even in daunting situations, while embarking on a meaningful and optimistic journey.

# Moral Value conveyed on the Verse I:

They underscore the significance of determination and resilience, urging us not to give up easily when confronted with challenges ("Mind over matter"). They prompt us to consider the impact of our actions on others and to cultivate a sense of caring and empathy ("Does it matter to any of us?"). Furthermore, they emphasize the virtues of honesty and focused communication, advocating for clear and truthful interactions ("Don't change the subject"). The lyrics also highlight the value of appreciating and acknowledging the love and sacrifices made by someone close to us ("I'm heavy on your love"). They remind us to seize opportunities in life, as missed chances can lead to regrets ("I missed that train"). Additionally, the lyrics suggest embracing the unpredictability of life and accepting nature's justice ("New York City, it rains"). They celebrate the adventurous spirit and the eagerness to explore the world ("Fly to East L.A. in big jet planes"). Finally, they encourage us to openly express our emotions and feelings to those we hold dear ("You know you're on my mind?"). In essence, these lyrics inspire resilience, empathy, honesty, appreciation, proactive living, and a sense of adventure, while highlighting the importance of open communication and emotional expression.

2. Analyze Verse II "Mind Over Matter"
And if the world don't break
I'll be shaking it
'Cause I'm a young man after all
And when the seasons change
Will you stand by me?

'Cause I'm a young man built to fall

# Syntagmatic and Paradigmatic In Verse II:

- a. Syntagmatic
  - 1. And if the world don't break

World : The planet Earth and everything on itBreak : To separate or damage something

2. I'll be **shaking** it

**Shaking**: Trembling

3. 'Cause I'm a young man after all

Young man: A guy who is not a child but not yet an adult

4. And when the **seasons** change

**Season**: Different times of the year with distinct weather

5. Will you **stand** by me

**Stand**: Being on your feet

6. 'Cause I'm a young man built to fall

Built : When something was constructed or madeFall : When things drop from a higher place

# b. Paradigmatic

In the grand tapestry of life on planet Earth, challenges and obstacles often arise, causing us to tremble and question our path. Much like the changing seasons that bring diverse and unpredictable weather, life presents us with its share of unpredictabilities. A young man, not quite a child but not yet fully an adult, stands at the crossroads of these challenges. However, with a determined spirit and a positive outlook, he can navigate these tumultuous waters. Life, much like the structures we build, is a creation of our own efforts and choices. When difficulties come crashing down like things falling from a higher place, it's our resilience and unwavering resolve that allows us to rebuild and rise once more. By embracing challenges with determination and a positive perspective, we can not only weather life's storms but also emerge stronger and wiser, understanding that these trials are an integral part of our growth and journey through the world.

Based on the syntagmatic and paradigmatic relationships in the second line, it means that:

In the journey of life, we often encounter challenges that test our determination and positive outlook. The phrase "And if the world don't break, I'll be shaking it" reflects the spirit of facing obstacles with strong determination, even when the world seems tough. Although we may be young and full of enthusiasm, we understand that life is full of changes, as expressed in "And when the seasons change." However, the question posed, "Will you stand by me?" underscores the importance of support and the presence of those who care when facing these changes and challenges. Regardless of the challenges and vulnerabilities, we are resilient individuals, as stated in "Cause I'm a young man built to fall." This means that we can overcome difficulties and rise again with unwavering determination. In life, change and adversity are part of the growth process, and with determination and a positive outlook, we can face them with courage and self-belief.

## Moral Value Convey on the Verse II:

"If the world doesn't break, I'll shake it" shows determination and courage to face challenges, even when life is tough. It teaches the moral value of resilience and the

willingness to keep fighting despite obstacles. The question "Will you stand by me?" highlights the importance of commitment and loyalty in relationships, emphasizing the moral value that we should support and remain faithful to the ones we love when dealing with changes and difficulties. The phrase "I'm a young man after all" reflects self-acceptance and acknowledgment that one is still young and has much to learn. It teaches the importance of embracing and appreciating our current stage in life. The sentence "And when the seasons change" reminds us of the unavoidable changes in life. It teaches us to be prepared for change and adaptation. These lyrics reflect honesty and openness when talking about challenges and changes in life, underscoring the importance of being straightforward about our feelings and situations.

### 3. Analyze Verse III "Mind Over Matter"

Mind over matter

I'm in tatters thinking 'bout her

Taste my disaster

It's heavy on my tongue

All the lights aglow

Tokyo snows

Go to watch the show

Curtain's closed

I'm watching you this time

### Syntagmatic and Paradigmatic In Verse III:

### a. Syntagmatic

#### 1. Mind over Matter

**Mind**: Thoughts, feelings, and consciousness

**Matter**: Physical substance or material

### 2. I'm in tatters thinking 'bout her

**Tatters**: Shreds or torn pieces, to describe something in poor condition.

**Thinking**: The process of using your brain to consider or analyze information.

# 3. Taste my disaster

**Taste**: The sense that allows you to perceive flavors.

**Disaster**: A sudden, severe event causing great damage or harm

## 4. It's **Heavy** on my **Tongue**

**Heavy**: Something that has a lot of weight or is difficult to lift

Tongue: The muscular organ in your mouth used for tasting, speaking, and

swallowing

### 5. All the lights aglow

**Lights**: Sources of illumination, such as lamps or bulbs

**Aglow**: adiating light or warmth, often used metaphorically

### 6. Tokyo snows

Snows: Frozen precipitation in the form of white flakes

#### 7. Go to watch the show

**Watch**: To observe or monitor something closely

**Show**: A performance or presentation, often for entertainment

8. Curtain's closed

**Curtain**: A piece of fabric used to cover or decorate a window or stage

**Closed**: Not open or shut; not accessible or open for use or entry

9. I'm watching you this time

Watching: The act of observing or paying attention to something

**Time** :The progression of events from the past to the future

## b. Paradigmatic

In life, we often find ourselves grappling with a myriad of challenges, just like scattered thoughts or torn pieces of material. However, it is through the determined action of using our minds to generate ideas, make decisions, and cherish memories that we can navigate through these obstacles. It's akin to the sense that allows us to perceive flavors; even in the most bitter situations, a positive outlook can find something sweet. Sometimes, life can throw severe events our way, causing great damage or harm, which can feel as heavy as lifting a massive weight. Yet, our minds, like the versatile muscular organ of the tongue, enable us to taste the experiences, speak our truths, and swallow our fears. Our determination is like a source of illumination, much like lamps or bulbs, radiating warmth and hope, even during the darkest of times, much like frozen precipitation in the form of white flakes glistening in the moonlight.

We must observe and monitor our progress closely, treating life as a continuous performance or presentation on the grand stage of existence. Just as a curtain is used to cover or decorate a window or stage, we have the power to shape the narrative of our lives with determination and a positive perspective. By paying attention to the details and appreciating every moment, we recognize that time is merely a measurement of duration. Even when it seems like doors are not open, our unwavering determination and positive outlook can serve as the keys to unlocking new opportunities and guide us toward a brighter future.

Based on the syntagmatic and paradigmatic relationships in the second line, it means that:

The phrase "Mind over matter" suggests the power of mental strength over physical challenges. As we find ourselves in emotional turmoil, depicted by "I'm in tatters thinking 'bout her," it's crucial to remember that sometimes we need to taste our disasters to learn and grow. The weight of these experiences can be heavy on our tongues, making it hard to express or swallow our feelings. Amidst the chaos, there's a sense of hope and beauty, with "All the lights aglow" and the serene "Tokyo snows." It's like we're preparing to witness something special, symbolized by "Go to watch the show." But sometimes, life's events lead to a closing of curtains, emphasizing that not all journeys have a predictable ending. Nevertheless, "I'm watching you this time"

signifies a renewed focus and determination, suggesting that we can face whatever comes our way with a positive outlook and resilience.

## Moral Value convey on the Verse III:

These sentences contain various moral values. The phrase "Mind over matter" creates a sense of resilience and the willingness to overcome obstacles or difficulties, teaching the importance of determination and resilience in facing challenges. The sentence "I'm in tatters thinking 'bout her" portrays emotional feelings and longing, emphasizing the importance of reflecting on our emotions. The expression "Taste my disaster, It's heavy on my tongue" may refer to self-acceptance and understanding of one's feelings, including mistakes or difficulties experienced. Lastly, the sentence "I'm watching you this time" depicts observation or reflection on relationships or situations, delivering a moral message about the importance of thinking and reflecting before taking action. Overall, these sentences remind us of the importance of having determination, reflecting on emotions, self-acceptance, and contemplation before facing life's challenges and situations.

#### Discussion

In the exploration of the lyrics of the song "Mind Over Matter" popularized by Young the Giant, the interpretation reveals a profound message about overcoming life's challenges. Life's journey often tests us, and in these trials, our thoughts and mental resilience become invaluable assets. Just as a train follows its tracks, our consciousness guides us through life's highs and lows. Despite the burdens that can weigh us down, maintaining a positive outlook and strong emotional connections to our goals can bring about significant change. Much like how heavy rains nourish the earth, our challenges can foster personal growth. Our determination, akin to the powerful engines of jet planes, propels us towards our dreams. In the grand scheme of life, our ability to maintain mental fortitude and a positive mindset during tough times is paramount. With unwavering determination and the support of loved ones, we can transform challenges into opportunities for personal growth.

In the grand tapestry of life on Earth, obstacles often emerge, causing us to question our path and shake our resolve. Life, like the ever-changing seasons, presents unpredictable challenges. In the face of these uncertainties, a young individual, standing at the crossroads of life, can navigate these tumultuous waters with determination and a positive outlook. Life, much like the structures we build, is shaped by our choices and efforts. When difficulties crash down like falling objects, it is our resilience and steadfast determination that enables us to rebuild and rise once more. By embracing challenges with determination and a positive perspective, we not only weather life's storms but emerge stronger and wiser, recognizing that these trials are integral to our growth and life's journey.

In life, we often grapple with various challenges akin to scattered thoughts or torn pieces of fabric. However, it is through the determined use of our minds to generate ideas, make decisions, and cherish memories that we navigate these obstacles. Just as our sense of taste finds sweetness even in bitter situations, a positive outlook can

uncover the silver lining in life's challenges. Sometimes, life throws severe events our way, weighing us down like a heavy burden. Yet, our minds, like the versatile organ of the tongue, allow us to savor experiences, voice our truths, and conquer our fears. Our determination is an illuminating source, much like lamps or bulbs, radiating warmth and hope, even in the darkest moments, resembling the glistening of white flakes in the moonlight.

Observing our progress closely, we treat life as an ongoing performance on the grand stage of existence. Just as curtains adorn windows or stages, we possess the power to shape the narrative of our lives with determination and a positive perspective. By paying attention to details and cherishing each moment, we understand that time is a measure of duration. Even when doors appear closed, our unwavering determination and positive outlook become the keys to unlocking new opportunities and guiding us toward a brighter future.

In this research, the researcher found a syntagmatic and paradigmatic relationship I, II, III, and IV with Ferdinand de Saussure's semiotics theory. Consequently, the author can discover the meaning and moral value in the lyrics of the song "Mind Over Matter" by Young the Giant. The intended meaning is that everyone will face difficulties or life challenges in achieving their goals; therefore, a strong determination or positive outlook and a strong emotional connection to our goals are necessary to bring about significant efforts.

Our determination is a source of illumination, much like lamps or light bulbs, radiating warmth and hope, even in the darkest moments, resembling the sparkle of white flakes under the moonlight. Carefully observing our progress, we treat life as a continuous performance on the grand stage of existence. Just as curtains adorn windows or stages, we have the power to shape the narrative of our lives with determination and a positive perspective. By paying attention to details and cherishing each moment, we understand that time is a measure of duration. Even when opportunities seem closed, our unwavering determination and positive outlook become the keys to unlocking new opportunities and guiding us toward a brighter future.

From the explanation above, it can be concluded that the song "Mind Over Matter" contains a strong meaning and moral value. Through its lyrics, the meaning and moral value for us are that to achieve our goals, we need strong determination and a positive outlook, and we must also maintain resilience and optimism even in difficult situations.

### **CONCLUSION**

After conducting research on the semiotic meaning and moral values of the song "Mind Over Matter" by Young the Giant, the researcher discovered the semiotic meaning and moral values within the lyrics. Here are the conclusions for each verse :

1. The first verse suggests that our thoughts and mental strength are important when facing obstacles in life. Being aware and thinking positively can help us overcome challenges and grow as individuals. It is also emphasized that the support of loved

- ones is essential in facing difficulties and using them as opportunities for personal development. **Moral Values** convey in verse 1 are belief, love, and determination in facing life, accepting failure, caring for the environment and others, and dreaming big.
- 2. The second verse of the song suggests that life is filled with challenges and uncertainty, similar to unexpected changes in seasons. However, a young person with enthusiasm and a positive outlook can overcome these obstacles and grow stronger. Our resilience and determination help us rise again when faced with difficulties, and through these trials, we become wiser and realize that they are a necessary part of our journey. **Moral Values** contained in verse 2 are enthusiasm, determination to face challenges, the importance of social support, and acceptance of imperfections in life.
- 3. The third verse of the song suggests that in life, we face challenges but can overcome them with determination, positive thinking, and perseverance. It emphasizes the importance of having a positive mindset and confronting fear. Our perseverance can provide hope even in difficult times. We should view life as a continuous performance and have the strength to shape our own story with determination and positivity. By focusing on the details and appreciating each moment, we understand that time is just a measure. Even if opportunities seem limited, our determination and positive outlook can lead to a better future. **Moral Values** contained in verse 3 are determination & resilience, emotional reflection, acceptance & self-understanding, observation and reflection.

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