



## An Analysis Image of Women in The Novel Sing Me to Sleep

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### Abstract:

This study aims to determine the kinds of women's struggles to get their love in the novel Sing Me to Sleep. This research uses descriptive qualitative methods and a theory focused on the character of Virginia Woolf. The author uses note-taking as a research instrument. The author found that there are three kinds of women's struggles. Namely, first the struggle to accept the reality of life, the second the struggle to achieve dreams, and finally the struggle in the form of love, and the struggle to get love.

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## INTRODUCTION

Literature reflects various experiences, ideas, passions, people in everyday life which are expressed in various forms and styles of literary works. Because literature comes directly from human life, it can increase our knowledge and experience about human problems including values, morals, culture and human interests. Wellek and Warren (1956: 15) say that literature is a creative activity and art without artistic value, literature will only be a type of writing, along with scientific, works, reports, etc. In literary works, women are often a special interest to be discussed and used as the main character of the image. Most literary works place women as characters who are full of oppression or experience suffering without any struggle to defend themselves. In literary works that have women who struggle, it is a topic that attracts the attention of readers so that they can provide readers with knowledge that the struggle of women to demand freedom and equal rights is very important, especially for women who are marginalized.

Novel is a particular type of literary work. It is mostly defined as a reflection of life or everything we find in real life. Novels reveal several aspects of love and human existence, because novels talk about human activities and describe what happens around them.

This novel tells the story of Beth Evans, a seventeen year old girl who was born with red pimples with purple patches on her forehead. He studied in the second grade at Port High School, Michigan. His friends at school always harass and ridicule him. They called him The Beast. Scott was his friend since they were in kindergarten. Scott likes and accepts Beth as she is. He loved everything about Beth even though her face was so ugly. He thought that she didn't

deserve him. Scott had to get a pretty and smart girl like him, but not Beth. He would only embarrass her.

Seeing that feminism theory is a women's movement to reject everything that is marginalized, demeaned both politically, economically, and socially. In general, the relationship between feminism theory and Beth's marginalized social conditions among her friends. Beth strives for recognition of equality with the recognized. Beth has the advantage of a beautiful voice but with an imperfect face following the chorus so that she can be known in the community as another friend. According to Kartono, (1992: 10), women can realize their talents and potential to advance a special and human existence. Most people think that women are beautiful or pure white and slim. Obese women tend to feel less confident in public. Therefore there are many ways that women do to avoid being overweight. However, in a study conducted by Genius American Beauty, it was stated that women are more likely to be obese than men. This is because the female mind is effectively designed to always think about appetite. According to Linda Gordan (2002: 6), feminism is an analysis of women's subordination with the aim of finding ways to change them. For Gordan feminism also means sharing in the drive to increase women's power and autonomy in their families, communities and society. On another occasion Gordon defines feminism as a critique of male supremacy, formed and offered in the light of a to change it.

Based on the above aspects, the writer observes and analyzes Angela Morrison's *Sing Me to Sleep*. Based on this, the writer is interested in reviewing the struggle of the main character in *Sing Me to Sleep* because he thinks that women are weaker than men. So the author chose this novel because it refutes the notion that she is a weak figure in the novel *Sing Me To Sleep* which tells of women as strong figures, full of struggle for their dreams, despite the difficulties they face. The author chooses aspects of the main character of *Struggle* Wanita based on various considerations that Angela Morrison's novel *Sing Me to Sleep* has never been studied before on this aspect. The struggle played by the main character in the struggle of life, the reader is able to appreciate the meaning of struggle in life. The struggle to live in the novel, especially the struggle to accept the reality of life that is relevant to today's life because Beth, who has a less than perfect face and is inferior, is marginalized by her friends at school. Beth always felt uncomfortable with her friends who always mocked her as a monster. In today's era there are also incidents where people who are born with disabilities are feared by some people who think that disability is contagious and they humble themselves and stay away from that person.

## **RESEARC METHOD**

This research uses descriptive qualitative method. According to Endraswara (2011: 5) descriptive qualitative method is a method in research that is described in the form of words or pictures if necessary, not numbers. Data Source The main data source in this research is Angela Morrison's *Sing Me to Sleep*, a Romantic Novel published since 2013. The novel consists of 33 chapters and 412 pages. The chapters related to theory are chapters 1, 4, 5 7, 10, 11, 18, 31, and 33. In this study, the writer used note-taking as an instrument. In analyzing the data, the writer focuses on the analysis of the Women's Struggle in the novel *Sing Me to Sleep* by Angela Morrison. The author returns to focus on the main character as the author of the *Sing Me to Sleep* novel by Angela Morrison. The author uses the feminism theory of Virginia Woolf.

## **RESEARCH RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

### **Result**

#### **Types of Women's Struggle in the Novel *Sing Me to Sleep***

Struggle to accept the facts of life. The fact is an absolute thing that must be accepted by everyone, life is not as beautiful as we imagine. The facts of life and one's limitations require a struggle to be able to accept them with patience and a sincere heart.

"Damn, that's ugly, Tara. What are you doing? As if anything she ate or drank would make me blush and full of pimples with purple spots on my forehead. Bald. Heads for child birth. My baby would be bugged and screaming." ( D1, C1, P5)

The quote above is Beth's character who was born with an imperfect face like other children with a face full of freckles, purple patches on the forehead and an oval head due to childbirth. A fact of life that a girl must accept.

"Beautiful? Now she knows the truth. I'm so ugly. No wonder Daddy left. He never looked back. It wasn't his daughter who built a fairy tale tower in white and yellow plastic bowls, singing the first song he wrote, quietly to himself. alone. Damn it's ugly, what a bad mind." (D2, C1, P7).

The quote above describes the figure of Beth who knows that she is really ugly so that her own father is willing to leave her just because of her ugly face. Grief Beth was so very sad to be abandoned by her father because of her ugly face.

"I frowned in response. Look at me, Scott. I grabbed my hair with both hands and pulled it away from my face enough to give me a terrifying vision. How can you deal with the appearance of something? I am the Beast. (D3, C1, P15)

The quote above shows that Beth always felt that she was a very ugly woman. So he wants his friends scot to also avoid them from being ridiculed by his friends who are annoyed at seeing him ugly just because scot is friends with him.

"If Mom knew about the half-naked man chained to my locker, the mask, the whole hall screaming at the kids as I walked by, all the creative ways high school kids can remember to remind a girl are pretty ugly. Less than a human. Can be ignored. Also the way the girls avoid me. Nobody wants to keep ensnaring me. If Mother finds out, she will destroy it. " (D4, C7, P86)

The quote above shows that Beth does not want to tell her mother that at school she was shunned by her friends at school so that her friends stay away from her, if her mother finds out that she is very shunned by her friends because of her ugly face.

"If Derek knew Beth was spotless, no manicure, no makeup, no laser, Beast, would be so happy to see me? So I while I'm recording. Could be like Colby, but softer. Singing stars, not star athletes. Colby can be nice when he wants to. He managed to get all the pretty girl schools he wanted. If her performance at the ball is any clue, perhaps your virtue is primarily arrogance. Derek doesn't seem like it. How Any way, how I know? (D5, C11, P138)

The quote above shows that Beth was worried when Derek informed her of changes ranging from messy hair, scars to her nails being neat and cleaned before Beth knew or liked to dress up. If Derek finds out the real me in front of me my face is full of scars and scars while I was transforming into a beautiful monster by darting through advanced technology. b. Struggle for dreams. In life on this earth a person must have ideals and ideals to be achieved both materially and non-materially. But to achieve such success is not easy, it takes struggle and hard work in accordance with the capacity of the people who want to achieve these goals.

Scott tapped me on the shoulder. Just sing, Beth. That's all you need to worry about. -His words dug a small hole in the burden and released the pressure that was contained in my heart. I don't fly. The sky was still impossible, but I knew he was right. That's something I can do. Sing. Colby and their ugly masked warty witches can't rob that from me. " (D6, C4, P54)

The quote above shows that Beth agrees with what the Scots say they don't need to listen to what other people have to say about their dreams. Especially Colby's words trying to shake his dream of not wanting to see you succeed. Singing has been Beth's dream since long ago but

the monster is often mentioned by her friends and her dreams are not going to come true. But Beth has a friend named Scott who is always encouraging.

“Exhale and fill my lungs again. This is the same process used to remove tattoos. You may want to close your eyes. Agree. Closed. It's peaceful. First. But when the epidermis is raw, the itching is terrible. Burning. My eyes cry. Nice to have sunglasses. Ready. Not too bad. Let's move on to the next. Dirt. It's just started. There's something wrong with me. I'm a little dizzy.” (, D7, C5, P57)

The quote above illustrates that Beth has a dream so big to become a singer that she is willing to change her face to be beautiful again even though it is difficult for her to make changes to a more beautiful face to achieve her dream of becoming a singer. c. Struggle in the form of love Compassion is a feeling that arises in a sincere heart to love, appreciate, and give happiness to other people or anyone who loves them. Affection is not only shown to her lover, but also love for God, parents, family, and friends.

“How can you compare them? It's hard to say this for a dumb phone while you're standing outside the office. You are everything, ma'am. My voice faded and I had to whisper. Where would I be without you? (D8, C7, P85)

Beth's quote above illustrates the confused how her mother can be compared to Mom Meadow. Beth couldn't say or express what was on their mind. In his heart he said mother was everything to me and imagined his life without a mother.

“Isn't there anyone else who wants to take? You're kidding, right? You're cute, Scott, but maybe not a good idea. My head won't stop shaking slowly. Impossible. Of course I don't want to ruin our friendship. (D9, C7, P89)

The quote above Beth really loves Scott as a little friend, but on the other hand Scott loves her more than a friend. Scott invites Beth to go dancing to the party, but Beth is afraid that the friendship she has spent with Scott will be damaged by just going to dance to the party. "Thank you Mom. I love you. I'm so sorry. I'm so, so sorry. She's crying again. I love you too. My voice cracked at the last word. The phone went off. My eyes were burning. I think I have two minutes before it falls apart. There's no way I could back to the pizza. And the quiet, cool and lovely Derek." (D10, C11, P145)

In the above quote, Beth apologizes to her mother, because she was touched by her mother's care and love, which was so sincere. Beth's compassion never stopped talking to the mother who loved her even though Beth was unable to have children. 2. The Main Character The Struggle to Get His Love Compassion is a feeling that arises in a sincere heart to love, appreciate, and give happiness to other people or anyone who loves them.

"I'm glad to meet you. He touched my arm a bit like a butterfly fluttering, and walked away. I stayed there, mesmerized by his figure, and whispered. Me too." (D11, C10, P130)

The quote above describes a person who is happy to finally meet Derek. Derek felt the same way, so impressed by the kindness of Lea, Sarah and Beth. The first meeting made Beth very happy to meet Derek.

“Singing the song again and again, suffering for something meaningful that harmonizes with a soft melody full of life and love. I'm afraid to stop singing. Afraid to let go. (D12, C31, P395)

The quote above Beth is afraid of losing Derek, so she is afraid to end the song and she can't and can't accept the fact that Derek will last forever. Beth Derek's sincere love doesn't want his girlfriend to go away forever just because he stopped singing.

“I curled up into a ball, looking at the pink, trying to maintain the intensity I was feeling. He should be angry, suspicious, but I am gentle and dedicated. I like it very much. I didn't think about the house at all, but he said he loved me twice, not three times. He even made her say it. " (D13, C18, P231)

The quote above illustrates that Beth does not believe in Derek's reasoning, which is to go on vacation with his family, but Derek said love three times which made me express my feelings to him.

“But whisper when you're near me, and I'll be home. I turned to repeating the refrain, and the public became clearer. They were with me, tears on their faces, and I realized they were looking too. Looking for beauty. Looking for love. Seeing life. I discovered it all when Derek took my hand, smiled, and said, "Sing me to sleep." Now I know what is beautiful, for her. I know what love is for him. I know I can be strong. Please, Lord, help me to be strong. " (D14, C33, P402)

The quote above shows that being someone who is abandoned by our loved ones is very difficult to accept, as well as Beth as a deep love for Derek even though he is gone forever. Beth knew the true meaning of love when she was around me. She understands what the love and beauty that comes from Derek means and she will become as strong as she is now and hopes to stay strong forever.

“I am a fantasy. A myth. Digital recording, erased easily. I'm more. Another place. I don't belong here. But I'm here. I worry about him and will love for the rest of my life. I held his hand as he crossed the line. The pain I felt was as real as the beautiful little girl who accidentally stole it. I love him. I still love him I am hindered by the pain. I can't stand looking back. " (D15, C33, P404)

The quote above illustrates that Beth remains faithful, she will continue to love Derek for the rest of her life and stay with him until he dies. Even though Beth is sad to lose her lover, she remains strong to face it all for the sake of Derek's sincere love.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **1. Various Women's Struggles in the Novel Sing Me to Sleep**

#### **a. Struggle to accept the facts of life.**

The fact is an absolute thing that must be accepted by everyone, life is not as beautiful as we imagine. The facts of life and one's limitations require a struggle to be able to accept them with patience and a sincere heart. Apart from having an ugly face, Beth is also sad that her father left her just because they have a daughter that they despise. Frankl (1970: 45) states that the meaning of life as something that is personal, and can change over time and life changing situations continue. Individuals seem to be asked what it means to live at any given moment or situation and then take responsibility. In the novel sing me to sleep, the character of Beth is described as being born with an imperfect face like other children with a face full of freckles, purple spots on the forehead and an oval head due to childbirth. A fact of life that a girl must accept. Based on datum 1, Beth was born with an imperfect face like other children, her face was full of freckles, purple spots on her forehead and an oval head due to childbirth. A fact of life that a girl has to accept that even with an imperfect face has to fight for her ridicule of the uncomfortable realities of life, but she remains patient with all of it despite the hard work she does in social life. That means he has a biological complication. In the same way, in datum 2 it is classified into biological complications. This can be seen when Beth misses her father because she no longer plays with her father making a toy tower out of white and yellow plastic bowls. Her father never saw Beth sing the first song he wrote just because she had her father's face so she would leave her daughter who had talent as a singer, but Beth still struggled to stay patient even though her father abandoned her just because her face was ugly.

In datum 3 the figure of Beth who was born with a face that is not as perfect as her friends. Since birth, it can be seen how limited a girl is whose destiny is definitely not wanted by anyone. This suggests Beth has a biological complication. Based on datum 4, it is explained that Beth's struggle to hide that her friends at school had left her just because her ugly face made her feel sad because she had to lie to her mother who was very worried about her. Beth

hides it because she doesn't want her to be sad just because her friends at school often hurt her and are shunned even by herself. In the same way, datum 5 illustrates that Beth's changes are annoying because Derek doesn't know how to deal with the truth. Beth felt her face was now advanced enough because of the technology that made her beautiful that Derek was attracted to her. The struggle to accept the fact of life that she is indeed an ugly woman must be hidden from Derek because she is afraid that one day Derek will find out that she is actually a woman who looks like a monster. Actually, it doesn't matter if you have an ugly face if you don't listen to the words of people who are jealous of your strengths, but having weaknesses is not a problem.

### **b. Struggle for dreams.**

In life on this earth a person must have ideals and dreams that he wants to achieve, both material and non material success. But to achieve such success is not easy, it takes struggle and hard work in accordance with the capacity of the people who want to achieve these goals. Singing has been Beth's dream since long ago but the monster is often mentioned by her friends and her dreams are not going to come true. But Beth has a friend named Scott who is always encouraging. View of life reflects one's self-image as a view of life that reflects ideals or aspirations. Every human being has a world view. It is a natural way of life. Therefore he determines one's future. One achieves what one aspires to, it depends on three factors. First, the people are those who have ideals. Second, the conditions faced while achieving what is aspired; and third, how high the ideals to be achieved. In datum 6, it is classified as a struggle to achieve a dream.

This can be seen when Beth describes what her limitations are as advantages of having a great desire to achieve her dreams. Being a famous singer like her friends is Beth's dream, which is the pride of her parents. To make it all happen is not easy. Becoming a famous singer is not easy. But Beth never gave up. He tries to fight the injustice within himself. Her business wants to be a beautiful woman to achieve her dreams. In the same way, the struggle to achieve dreams is seen in datum 7, it looks like a very heavy challenge for the main character Beth to continue to struggle to achieve what she wanted since childhood, changing her face which was full of wounds and burns. the way her scars disappeared and her face became beautiful. His business continues to grow along with his dream of becoming a famous singer. Success is sweet but not with the process.

### **c. Struggle in the form of love.**

Compassion is a feeling that arises in a sincere heart to love, appreciate, and give happiness to others or anyone who loves them. Affection is not only shown to her lover, but also love for God, parents, family, and friends. The most important members are human things, not material things. Love always includes certain basic elements, namely parenting, responsibility, attention and recognition.

Datum 8 describes the struggle in the form of love. It is seen that the main character Beth is a very caring mother who compares herself to the person who takes care of Beth. Here Beth tries to please her mother so as not to be sad because she has not helped in her success. Mom is everything to me and always helps in every business.

In datum 9 Beth is very close to her friend Scott from their childhood friends and until they grow up are still friends. Friendship lasted for several years and the fact that together they gave rise to a spark of affection. However, liking your own friends does have a very complex problem. Beth is afraid that going out will ruin their friendship. Here Beth tries to keep her friendship going and Schott can love another woman. It means Beth is having a love struggle.

Likewise, the struggle in the form of affection is seen in datum 10. Here, a mother's love for her child is very sincere and wants her child to remain happy even though in a state of

forcing Beth positive for an illness in her womb that causes defects like herself. Beth is still struggling not to get pregnant for fear of the fate of a bladder child like her who has an imperfect face. Her mother's love and care made Beth patient with the trials that befell her. The struggle in the form of a mother's love that is unmatched by the love of others makes us realize that we never make a mother cry for the love she makes is sincere and natural.

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on this research, the researcher answered research questions regarding the formulation of the author's problem regarding the various struggles of women and the struggle of the main character to get her love in the novel *Sing me to Sleep*. The same conclusions are as follows: (1) the struggle to accept the reality of life (2) the struggle for dreams (3) the struggle to get love

Based on the analysis and discussion of the struggles of the main character in the novel *Sing me to sleep* by Angela Morrison, the most prominent struggle is the struggle to achieve a dream because there are so many obstacles and obstacles that continue the path that he is able to achieve. survive with the person he loves.

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