

## Subject Review On The Use Of The Symbolisms And Images In The Literary Works Of William Blake : Romantic Considerations

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### ABSTRACT

The main aim of this subject review is to present the symbolism and images in William Black's poetry. The subject review refers to inform the readers about the importance of symbols and images. Both images and symbols are expressions in presenting the idea of hidden meanings. These expressions are reflected the romantic issues of human life. The theoretical framework of this subject review is used symbolism theory. The type of analysis is documentary analysis to find out the quotations which contain the symbols and images in the poetry of Black. This paper is also referred to the romantic poetry, Black, and the features of his poetry. The recommendation of this review subject is to be future study to another scholars in terms such as images and symbols in other genera such as short story, drama and novel.

**KEYWORDS:** symbol, image, symbolism theory, Blake, romantic poetry

### 1. Introduction

The main issues of this subject review is to reveal the symbols and images of William Black's poetry. This review reveals that the symbolism of William Black's poetry. Symbol can be defined as any literary hints which is used by the poets to bring the attentions of the learners or the image is defined as the imagery picture which is created in the mind of the readers to the text. The poet, Al-Sahara. (2021). Black is considered as one of the romantic poets of the Victorian period. Eaton, K. (2022). He poetizes this poem to handle the social problems in life. In addition, Blake has two significant books. Malate, S. (2019) mentions that Song of innocence and song of experience. Both books reflect the nature of human nature. The poet, Blake has reflected about his childhood life. His life is full of joy, sorrow, beauty, and nature Eaton, K. (2022). The poet, Blake is used the symbol of innocence to reproduce the bright side of life. The term, children are the symbol of innocence in life. Another book, song of experiences is contrasted to the first book in term of showing sadness, struggles and sorrow. Both two books are shown the great reflections of life and death. The style of the poet, Black reflects the suffering of human beings. In addition, the symbolism of William Black poetry is the children, flowers, season, which shows the innocence of human beings' life. For example, the poem, *the lamb* has the most important famous symbols. It is associated with French revolution. Adjani, O. V. (2020). William Black said that "Little Lamb who made thee Dost thou made thee? Gave thee life and bid the feed. By the stream and over the mead you clothing of delight softest clothing woolly bright. Blake is regarded as one of the greatest literary poets. Born (1757-1827) is a poet, painter, symbolic and exploring themes of spiritualism and mysticism in life. Belonging to middle class family. He has artistic vision in life. His poetry is rejection of religious norms, showing the struggles and fight in family.

Romantic consideration is a form of the poetry which is related to emotion, feeling and nature of human being. The style of Blake's poetry is unique and concerning with image, symbol and metaphor. The romantic poetry should be

written to all people, is concerning with logic not freedom. The Romantic poetry sees life in term of poetry. They do not write about the materialism side in life.

## 2. Methodology

The scholar has used the symbolism theory to justify the concept of symbols and images in Blake's poetry. The theoretical framework of this subject review is used symbolism theory. The type of analysis is documentary analysis to find out the quotations which contain the symbols and images in the poetry of Black. For examples, the use of flower is as the symbol of nature. The poet has used the term "Lamb" is used to show the beauty of nature. The poet reveals that lamb is symbolized as the creator in life. Neginsky, R. (2010) state that symbolic interaction is the theory of the social sciences. According to the symbolic theory, people live in the natural and symbolic environment. Symbolic interaction is a process that is enlivened the reciprocal meaning and values by aid of the symbols in the mind. Symbolic interactionism theory assumes that people respond to elements of their environments according to the subjective meanings they attach to those elements, such as meanings being created and modified through social interaction involving symbolic communication with other people. Catelli, J. F. (2022). The symbolic movement of poetry reached its position around 1890 and began to enter a precipitous decline in popularity about 1900. The atmospheric, Tinkler-Villani, V. (2022). The imagery of symbol came to be seen as over refined and affected. In brief, Methods and approach which are used to identify the concept of images and symbols in the literary works of Blake's poetry. The model of analysis is the idea of symbol and image.

The finding of this subject review concludes the number of symbols in William Black's Poetry . These form of poetry indicate that these symbols Blake, W. (2000). the main discussion of Black's writing is to present the the symbols of Black's poetry. These symbol is indicated the idea of hidden meaning of the main idea. The findings reveal that the symbolism of Black's poetry show the most important and remarkable types in poetry. One of the criticism of the symbolism theory is leading to various interpretations, symbolism has subjective presentation, has historical and cultural despite these criticism , the symbolism theory has presented a vivid picture of life Symons, A. (2014).,

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Table 1.1: **Overview of the symbolism and image in the literary works of William Blake.**

|   |                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 1 | Little Lamb God bless thee<br>Little Lamb God bless | In these lines, Black refers to the Jesus Christ who is represented the role of savior. The savior is the person who saves the human beings from miseries and injustice in life. |
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| 2   | Lamb                 | The term, Lamb is symbolized the innocence of life. This symbol is based on the emotion in life.                                                                 |
| 3   | The child and God    | Both terms are image to represent the concept of Jesus Christ who presents the role of God, savior, the person who will come to settle the justice in the world. |
| 4   | Garden               | The term " Garden " is symbol of innocence in the poetry of Blake because the garden is a natural element from God                                               |
| 5-  | The Chimney Sweeper  | Symbolizing the oppression and exploitation of the children in United Kingdom.                                                                                   |
| 6-  | The Divine image     | The Divine image is the symbol of nature, peace, freedom, relationship in life.                                                                                  |
| 7-  | The tree             | The tree is the depiction of Blake's poetry.                                                                                                                     |
| 8-  | The Sun and the Moon | These terms refer to classical bodies in apposite force.                                                                                                         |
| 9-  | The Harlot           | This term is symbolized corruption and materialism in human life.                                                                                                |
| 10- | Biblical             | This term is image of myth in life.                                                                                                                              |

### 3. Discussion

Table 1.1 shows the number of symbols of the literary work of William Blake poetry. These symbols are played the important role in life of William Blake. Eaton, K. (2022). The poet is used the term "God" is symbolized life, bright, justice and human beings. Another symbol is Lamb as used to present the innocence of life or the life of human beings. The symbol is God or the savior who present the most remarkable role. The poet uses the term Chimney Sweeper as a form of oppression in life. The poet uses the term tree as the symbol of nature. Using of term, the Sun and the Moon as a supernatural element. The Biblical is a symbol of myth and superstition. The biblical is regarded as the most important and remarkable symbol in life. These symbols and images are reflection of nature. According to the theory of symbols Nazi, A. M., & Flail, A. A. (2020). It indicates the hidden meaning of life. Both symbols and images can play in the world of criticism in offering deeper layers of meaning about the ideas to be understood in various expressions. Manson, K. D. (2023) states that terms symbol and image create a vivid picture of literary description. Critically, image examines the vivid pictures of things.critically; image is form of culture reflection. The poet William Blake is representative of myth and superstition in life. Blake's poetry is radical, cultural and political one. Blake poetry is really known as poetry of symbolism in the human life. The recent studies about William Blake states that the poetry of Blake has indicated the visionary terms, radical terms, political themes and cultural one.

Blake's poetry is the socio-political reflection in human life. His poetry shows the artistic picture in life Assad, J. (2024) ... In the poem, *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell*, he challenges the traditional belief and religious belief in life. *Song of Innocence* is a collection of poems that are really contrast to human life, presenting Blake's own vision in the poetic expressions. His poetry is concentrated with theme of innocence, love, spirituality, creation, life and death and contrast. Blake's poetry is deeply concerned with magical and spiritual issues, innocence and experience, human imagination, nature and natural world, social critique, religious and philosophical symbolism and complex topic Rossetti, W. M., & Blake, W. (2024). The criticism of Blake's symbolism and imagery has varied studied in all of the poetic world. Blake has used unique myth of literature. Blake's poetry is focused on the tragic issues with imagism and symbolism Eliot, T. S. (2024). *The sacred wood: Essays on poetry and criticism*. In discussion part, many definitions of symbol and image. According to the symbolic theory, symbol is defined a literary concept which is understood in two ideas. One idea may be real situation and other may be unreal situation. In addition to the above mentioned, images are defined as the picture which is created in the mind of readers.

#### 4. Conclusion

These symbols and images are presented the most important role in the poetry of William Black. The scholar has used the symbols and images in his reviewing data about William Black's poem. As for theoretical framework of this paper, the symbolism theory is used to analyze these concepts in term of symbol and image as a documentary analysis. In short; Blake is regarded as the crucial poets in the field of poetry because he poetizes his thoughts about nature and supernatural elements of human beings. There are many images and symbols used in the subject review to reveal the idea of imagism and symbolism in the literary works of William Blake Nylund, J. (2024). The image and symbol are such as the little boy, garden, divine image. The sun and the moon and the bilical

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