

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Creative Work

Humans express their feelings through many forms and one of them is through art. Art is any kind of creative work done by a human being to make artwork. Art is created to express the artist's imaginative or technical skills that engaged in creating visual and auditory artworks. One that is included in the artwork is poetry.

Poetry is a written literary work and it is one of the most popular literary works in the world. Poetry focuses on the use of words and rhythm. One of its functions is to express and convey certain messages, emotions, and feelings toward an object or topic. In poetry, words have an essential role to create images, sounds, and thoughts. It is the beauty of it. People will feel, imagine, and even listen to words that are written in poetry. Then, it collaborates with meter and rhyme to make it more interesting and beautiful.

1.2 Topic of the Creative Work

To the writer, poetry is more than just a literary work. It is an escape. An escape from the real world where all the good and bad things collide. Often time, it is just the bad things going around without a pause. It gets the better of the writer almost every single time. It feels as if the world is only filled with cruelty and wickedness. Because of that, it makes the writer feels anxious, worried, and miserable. And that leads to the writer overly thinking over many things which in this case, is negative.

The writer also finds it hard when the night comes. When other people think nighttime is the time to relax, rest, and get a good night's sleep, it is not the case with the writer. His brain seems to never shut and overly thinks about everything. As if it is still daytime outside. That makes the writer who already likes to overthink become an even harder overthinker. And by that, the writer often finds himself sleepless nights.

Often time, it is love that makes him spend every night thinking and wondering. All scenarios running around in his brain are mostly about love being sad through

farewell, regret, and longing. It fills the writer's brain with no empty space left. It does not happen because of anything. It happens for a reason.

The feelings that make the writer thinks so much came from experience. The writer often finds himself in an unpleasant situation caused by the cruelty of love. That is what makes the writer expresses his feelings through the poems he writes. The writer knows it will not fix the situation, but at least the writer is relieved to have spilled his emotions through the words he strings. That is why the writer carves his words and decides to make a collection of poems entitled "Hold You by Night".

1.3 The Details of the Creative Work

"Hold You by Night" is a collection of poems book that talks about love. It is not about the beautiful part of it, but the painful one. It will consist of a total of 50 poems with the genre of sadness, separation, regret, and longing. The poems will be delivered based on the time stamp the writer's idea came up in. In this book, there will be four chapters or phases: "Our Inevitable Separation", "You're My Biggest Regret", "The Everlasting Sadness", and "My Eternal Longing for You". All of the poems will be based on personal experience. It does not mean all of them actually happened. Some of them are, but some of them are inspired by the bad feelings the writer had been having.

During the 21 years of his life, as a human being, the writer has dealt with love several times. It makes his life colorful, although not always bright. In fact, it is often dark in color. However, it is believed by the writer to be something that should not damage him. On the other hand, the writer wants to use this exhausting and sad feeling to be used as motivation and inspiration to create a work of art in a form of poetry that is beautiful, real, and relatable to many people.

1.4 The Purpose and Goal of the Creative Work

The writer believes that the collection of poems that he will produce will still be relevant now especially to the millennials and Gen Z. It is because they have an interest in poetry in general. The writer often finds poetry accounts on social media such as Instagram. That shows their interest of them in poetry. On top of that, in the

writer's opinion, they love sad-love poetry because it is a common thing that happens every time. There are always people who break their hearts. With the poems that are going to be written by the writer, hopefully, people who read will feel they are not alone and are accompanied. This aligns with the idea of the title that the writer comes up with. Not only the writer wishes to hold his partner by night, but he also hopes to hold everyone by night when reading his poems.

Not only that, but this collection of poems will also act as an educational piece. It is because it will be written in English so it will be an educational and informative work that guides on how to write poems in English. Because of that, the writer believes once his collection of poems is done, it will be a useful piece that gives a decent contribution to society, especially for millennials and Gen Z.