

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

From this research, the writer concludes that the poems written by Langston Hughes are voicing the African American people's dream about the American Dream. It includes the dream of equality, freedom, happiness, prosperity and success. Langston Hughes does not only show the dream of the African American people but also illustrate their social condition at that time. The discrimination toward them made the African American people hard to achieve the American Dream.

First, the dream of equality and freedom found by the writer implied in Langston Hughes's five selected poems as the voice of the African American people toward discrimination. They are discriminated because of their skin and race which sign them as the ex-slave of the white American people. Although their slave status has been removed in 1865, however the tension between the white American people as the ex-owner and them as the ex-slave made a gap that put the African American people as the lower class while the white American people as the higher class. Then, the African American people want the equality to stop the discrimination in the United States of America.

Second, the writer found that the African American people are dreamt of happiness as seen from the five selected poems. The African American people felt unhappy to live in the United States of America because they are discriminated and unwell-treated. They dream a world with no discrimination and everyone is free as written in the poems illustrate their dream of happy world. The author wants to tell

the readers that the United States of America does not have these simple elements from the point of view of the African American people. The African American people felt living in the United States of America is cold, unfree, unwell-treated, discriminated, no peace so that make them unhappy as stated from the poems.

Third, the dream of prosperity and success only found in the second, forth, and fifth poems. This dream of prosperity and success are implied through the words “table”, “rose”, “gold” and “pearl”. These items may refer to the richness so that the readers might understand that the African American people are also dreaming of being rich and success. The dream of prosperity and success appeared because the African American people are poor and underestimated in the United States of America at that time.

These dreams that written in the selected poems of Langston Hughes are connected from one to another. The dream of equality and freedom are appeared because of the discrimination happened in the society. It influenced the emotion of the African American people and made them to pursuit their happiness. Therefore, the African American people are dreaming of happiness by dreaming of equality and freedom to achieve the dream of prosperity and success.

