

A CRITICAL DISCOURSE ANALYSIS OF THE SONG “MAGHINTAY KA LAMANG” BY Ted Ito

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ABSTRACT : This study presents a Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) of the song “*Maghintay Ka Lamang*” performed by Ted Ito. The purpose of this analysis is to examine how language in the song conveys messages of hope, perseverance, and resilience in the face of life’s challenges. Using critical discourse analysis, the study explores how the lyrics encourage listeners to remain patient and hopeful despite hardships. The findings reveal that the song promotes positive values such as determination, emotional strength, and optimism. Furthermore, the discourse of the song reflects common cultural beliefs in Filipino society regarding patience, faith in the future, and the importance of perseverance.

KEYWORDS : *Critical Discourse Analysis, Maghintay Ka Lamang, OPM*

I. INTRODUCTION

Songs are powerful forms of communication that reflect emotions, social values, and cultural beliefs. Through lyrics, artists can express ideas that influence how listeners perceive life, challenges, and personal struggles. Music therefore becomes a meaningful medium for conveying messages that shape attitudes and perspectives.

The song “*Maghintay Ka Lamang*” by Ted Ito is widely recognized for its inspirational message about patience and perseverance. The lyrics emphasize that life’s struggles and failures are temporary and that success can be achieved through determination and hope. The song encourages listeners not to lose faith even during difficult moments.

This study applies Critical Discourse Analysis to understand how the language used in the song constructs meaning and promotes values. By examining the lyrics closely, the analysis aims to identify the themes, ideologies, and messages conveyed through the discourse of the song.

LYRICS

By TED ITO

Kung hindi ngayon ang panahon na para sa iyo
Huwag maiinip dahil gan'yan ang buhay sa mundo
Huwag mawawalan ng pag-asa, darating din ang ligaya
Ang isipin mo'y may bukas pa na mayroong saya
Kabigua'y hindi hadlang upang tumakas ka
Huwag kang iiwas 'pag nabibigo
Dapat na lumaban ka
Ang kailangan mo'y tibay ng loob kung mayro'ng pagsubok man
Ang liwanag ay 'di magtatagal at muling mamamasdan
Ikot ng mundo ay hindi laging pighati't kasawian
Ang pangarap mo ay makakamtan
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II. METHODOLOGY

This study utilizes Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) as the primary method of examining the lyrics of the song. CDA focuses on analyzing how language reflects social values, beliefs, and ideologies embedded in texts. Through this method, the researcher examines the structure of the lyrics, the themes presented, and the underlying messages conveyed by the song.

The analysis centers on how the song encourages perseverance and optimism, particularly in the context of personal struggles. By examining the discourse of the lyrics, the study identifies the linguistic strategies used to inspire listeners and convey hope.

Formalistic Approach

This approach focuses on the structure and language of the lyrics. The repetition of lines such as “maghintay ka lamang” emphasizes patience and reinforces the central theme of perseverance.

Sociological Approach

The song reflects social realities where individuals face challenges and hardships. It promotes the idea that success requires patience and resilience.

Psychological Approach

The lyrics address the emotional struggles of individuals experiencing failure or disappointment. It encourages listeners to develop mental strength and emotional stability.

Moralistic Approach

The song conveys moral values such as patience, determination, and hope. It teaches listeners to remain positive even in difficult circumstances.

Cultural Approach

The message of patience and faith in the future reflects common Filipino cultural values, particularly the belief that perseverance eventually leads to success.

Data Collection

The study outlines specific steps for collecting and analyzing data to ensure a comprehensive examination of *Maghintay Ka Lamang*.

Text Selection

The song “*Maghintay Ka Lamang*” by Ted Ito was selected because of its inspirational message and its popularity as a motivational song. Its lyrics provide meaningful discourse about perseverance and patience.

Transcription

The lyrics of the song were carefully transcribed to ensure accuracy in the analysis. This step allows the researcher to examine the language and structure of the song more closely.

Close Reading

The lyrics were read multiple times to identify recurring themes, symbols, and linguistic patterns. Attention was given to phrases that emphasize hope and perseverance.

Textual Analysis

The analysis focused on identifying key words and phrases such as “pag-asa,” “pangarap,” and “tibay ng loob.” These expressions highlight the motivational tone of the song and reinforce its central message.

Interpretation

Through interpretation, the deeper meaning of the lyrics was examined. The song portrays life as a journey with challenges but emphasizes that patience and determination can lead to eventual success.

III. ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

This section provides an analysis and discussion of three distinct approaches: the author-oriented approach, the text-oriented approach, and the reader-oriented approach.

Table 1. Author-oriented Analysis on the Song “Maghintay Ka Lamang”

Themes	Sub-Themes	Analysis
Ted Ito’s Musical Career	Singer and Performer	Ted Ito is known for his inspirational songs that emphasize perseverance and emotional resilience. His musical style often focuses on encouraging listeners to remain hopeful during difficult times.
	Inspirational Songwriting	The artist uses simple but meaningful lyrics to communicate messages of hope and determination, making his songs relatable to many listeners experiencing personal struggles.
Message of Perseverance	Overcoming Failure	The song reflects the belief that failure is not the end but rather a challenge that can lead to growth and success.
	Patience and Determination	The repeated phrase “maghintay ka lamang” highlights the importance of patience and persistence in achieving one’s dreams.
Cultural Context	Filipino Values	The song reflects common Filipino values such as patience, resilience, and faith in the future despite life’s difficulties.
	Social Relevance	The message resonates with many individuals who face economic, personal, or emotional struggles, encouraging them to continue striving toward their goals.

The author-oriented analysis of the song “Maghintay Ka Lamang” highlights how the artist communicates an inspirational message through music. The song reflects values commonly associated with perseverance and patience, which are deeply rooted in Filipino culture. Through its motivational lyrics, the artist encourages listeners to maintain hope even during times of failure or hardship. The song’s message remains relevant to individuals facing challenges in their personal lives, reminding them that success often requires determination and patience. Overall, the analysis demonstrates how the artist’s musical expression contributes to the song’s enduring inspirational impact.

Text-oriented approach

The table presents the analysis focused on textual information. This section provides an in-depth examination of the lyrics and the meanings conveyed through the song.

Table 2. Text-oriented Analysis on the Song “Maghintay Ka Lamang”

Lyrics	Analysis
Kung hindi ngayon ang panahon na para sa iyo / Huwag maiinip dahil gan’yan ang buhay sa mundo	The songwriter introduces the theme of patience and acceptance. The lines emphasize that success does not always come immediately and that waiting is part of life’s journey.
Huwag mawawalan ng pag-asa, darating din ang ligaya	The song highlights hope as a central theme. It reassures listeners that happiness will eventually come despite present struggles.
Kabigua’y hindi hadlang upang tumakas ka	This line emphasizes resilience and the importance of confronting failure rather than escaping from it.
Huwag kang iiwas ‘pag nabibigo / Dapat na lumaban ka	The lyrics encourage determination and courage in facing difficulties. The songwriter urges listeners to continue fighting for their goals.
Ang kailangan mo’y tibay ng loob kung mayro’ng pagsubok man	The message stresses emotional strength and mental endurance as necessary qualities for overcoming challenges.
Ang pangarap mo ay makakamtan / Basta’t maghintay ka lamang	The closing message reinforces the central theme of patience. The songwriter emphasizes that dreams can be achieved if one remains hopeful and persistent.

Overall, the song explores themes of perseverance, hope, and resilience. The lyrics present life as a journey filled with challenges but emphasize that success can be achieved through patience and determination. The songwriter uses encouraging language to inspire listeners to remain positive despite hardships.

Reader-oriented approach

This table shows the reader-oriented analysis of the song. It presents possible interpretations and reactions of listeners toward the message of the song.

Table 3. Reader-oriented Analysis of the Song “Maghintay Ka Lamang”

Agreement	Disagreement
The reader may agree with the motivational message of the song. Many listeners can relate to the experience of facing difficulties and waiting for better opportunities. The lyrics encourage optimism and perseverance, which can inspire listeners to remain hopeful despite setbacks.	Some readers may interpret the message differently. They may believe that waiting alone is not enough and that success requires immediate action and practical solutions rather than patience alone.
The reader may feel comforted by the song’s reassuring message that happiness and success will eventually come. The lyrics may motivate individuals to continue striving toward their dreams.	Other readers may perceive the message as overly idealistic, especially for individuals experiencing severe struggles where patience alone may not resolve their problems.

Interpretation of the text may vary depending on the reader’s personal experiences, age, and social context. Individuals who have faced hardships may interpret the song as a powerful reminder of hope and perseverance. Cultural background and personal beliefs also influence how listeners understand the message of patience and determination presented in the song.

IV. CONCLUSION

The Critical Discourse Analysis of the song “*Maghintay Ka Lamang*” reveals that the lyrics promote themes of patience, perseverance, and hope. Through its motivational language, the song encourages listeners to remain strong and optimistic despite life’s challenges.

The discourse presented in the song reflects cultural values that emphasize resilience and faith in the future. By analyzing the language and themes within the lyrics, the study demonstrates how music can serve as a powerful medium for conveying meaningful social and emotional messages.

Ultimately, the song reminds listeners that success may not come immediately, but through patience and determination, dreams can eventually be achieved.

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