



**THE CONCEPT OF HIGH SELF-ESTEEM  
IN CHILDREN AS A COMPLIMENT REFLECTED  
IN GWENDOLYN BROOKS'S POEM**

***LIFE FOR MY CHILD IS SIMPLE***

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## ABSTRACT

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Self-esteem is the person's judgment of personal worth obtained by analyzing how well his or her behavior conforms to ideal life. There are two concepts of self-esteem; *High self-esteem* is the concept of self-esteem which brings individuals to reach a success, and to have sensitivity toward every aspect of life especially in individual surroundings. Self-esteem is developed according to ages, experiences and many problems against individuals. Some people may get *low self-esteem* which is the main problem in their life. It has some negative characters in individual's life. Then, it is the caused of poverty, and discrimination. It can hold human to success.

In this study, a poem entitled *Life for my Child is Simple* is used as the object, in order to change the reader who deal with problems such as frustration, confusions, fearful change, non communicative, and insecure be individuals who have ambitious, goal oriented, communicative, loving and attractive. It is analyzed by using technique of interpreting poetry, because the words used in the poem are poetic diction. The technique applied here in order to answer two questions. First, how is the concept of high self-esteem in children reflected in Gwendolyn Brooks's poem *Life for my Child is Simple*? and what does the author want to say through her poem *Life for my Child is Simple*?

The researcher used a qualitative method in conducting this research. Since the method is qualitative, the forms of data were in the form of words, phrases, sentences, etc. data collection was done through certain steps. The first step was repeated reading, reading the text carefully to understand the deep meaning of the text; here the poem. The second step was identifying the deep meaning as the raw data. The third was observing the raw data and correlating it with the concept of high self-esteem in children.

The result of the study shows that the poem *Life for my Child is Simple* the positive side of *High Self-Esteem in Children* through symbolism. *Life for my Child is Simple* lifts up individual's high self-esteem to encourage the reader more power in gaining his success and motivated their mind and heart through the expressions, words and phrases. Learning the philosophy of children development focus on the self-esteem would raise many self confidences in wherever and whatever you are.