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MUSIC STRUCTURE ANALYSIS OF THE SONG SUNO LOWALANGI ARRANGEMENT BY BRIAN HAREFA

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Abstract

This research aims to discuss the structure of the musical arrangement of the song "Suno Lowalangi" by Brian Harefa. Suno Lowalangi means Praise the Lord, which is one of the songs in the ZinunÖ Book (songs of praise), BNKP No. 69, and is used in BNKP congregational worship using a single organ accompaniment, tempo 99-104 (moderato). Suno Lowalangi, meaning "praise God," is a song whose melody is adopted from the song "From the Islands and Continents" with translation into the Nias language (li niha). In 2013, Brian Harefa, an artist from Nias, composed the song "Suno Lowalangi" into a jazz music concept accompanied by piano, bass guitar, and drums. The musical arrangement of the song "Suno Lowalangi" by Brian Harefa makes the song a contemporary musical work that comes from the musical concept as in the Zinuno Book. This research was carried out using descriptive-analytical qualitative research methods through a transcription analysis study approach, namely an activity of changing sound (audio) signals into notational form, which is then analyzed using theories of musical structure analysis. The song "Suno Lowalangi" is one of the song titles in the Zinunö Book (hymns) used in congregational worship at the Banua Niha Keriso Protestant (BNKP) church. This song is recorded in the Zinunő Book No. 069, which is included in the theme fa'atumbu yesu (the birth of Jesus Christ), so this song is generally sung in almost every Christmas celebration service. "Suno Lowalangi," which means "praise the Lord," is a translation of the song "From the Island and the Continent," which is also a Christmas-themed song. Suno Lowalangi adopts some of the lyrics and melody that are exactly the same as the song "From the Island and the Continent," only the lyrics are translated into the Nias language (li niha). The process of translating the lyrics into the Nias language was carried out so that it could be easily accepted by the Nias people as the majority of the BNKP church congregation members. The song Suno Lowalangi has been adopted into the Zinunö Book since 2014. The song "Suno Lowalangi" has a diatonic scale and is sung with a tempo of 94-104 (moderato) with a single organ accompaniment. In 2013, Brian Harefa gave a new color to the musicality of the song "Suno Lowalangi" in a form that was slightly different from the presentation of the song at the BNKP congregation's worship. The use of improvisation and syncopation in the chords and melody made the song "Suno Lowalangi" come out of its musical concept as a hymn in church worship, becoming a jazz genre song with a more modern musical concept. Some of the instruments used to accompany the song are piano, bass, and drums.

Key words: Musical Structure, Suno Lowalangi, Zinuno Book, Arrangement, Brian Harefa

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INTRODUCTION

The process of making a song is done with ideas, especially in regional songs, requires an approach Jesus). to describe the meaning and value. Putri and regional songs have a good impression so that caused by various things, the meaning and value of the literary work.

and easy to accept in various community this activities.

choosing a song to be used as research material terms of the structure of the are (1) this regional song has an interesting idea arrangement. or story to analyze and study, (2) the lyrics of this hearts of everyone who imagines and enjoys it.

sometimes musical identities are found that come is

musical work. This is the case with the song "Suno A song is a melody and sound that can be Lowalangi," found in the Book of Zinunö BNKP heard by humans anytime and anywhere or an No. 069 (abbreviated BZ 069), which was later expression of the creator's feelings, which composed into a contemporary musical work in describes a story of a journey that he has gone the jazz genre by Brian Harefa. Basically, the through or is often called the outpouring of the lyrics of the song "Suno Lowalangi," along with its creator's heart using language full of meaning. musical identity, are translations of the song "Dari Pulau dan Benua." This song is quite thoughts, concepts, and imagination from the popular among the Nias community, especially creator. To convey a message and meaning for the BNKP congregation (Banua Niha Keriso contained in a literary work, we use a clear Protestan), which is sung almost at every storyline so that the audience or reader is able to Christmas celebration service. This song is one of understand, feel, and interpret it. Describing a the songs added to the BNKP hymns since 2014 meaning and value implied in a literary work, into the theme "Fa'atumbu Yesu" (The Birth of

The renewal of the Zinunö Book was fully Sulanjari (2021: 51). Regional songs can be handed over to the KMG (Church Music enjoyed by all groups, from children and the Commission) as the person in charge of BNKP younger generation to the elderly. Each person church music. They consist of people who are has their own way of enjoying a song, whether it experienced in their respective fields. Therefore. is related to the lyrics of the song used or the KMG is given the freedom to freely make changes media, as well as in enjoying and appreciating a that are considered appropriate to be made. The song. In addition, this regional song reflects the revised materials in 2000, 2005, and 2014 have culture in society; for example, the lyrics of different characteristics. These differences can be including the listeners or readers of the lyrics are interested in knowledge and needs of the congregation, which are increasingly developing. The higher the level Regional songs as songs or music that of education of the congregation, the higher the originate from a particular region and become demands to perfect the Book of Zinunö (Laoli, popularly sung by both the people of that region 2015) [1]. The song "Suno Lowalangi" has a and other people. The form of this song is very diatonic scale and is sung at a tempo of 94-104 simple and uses the regional language or local (moderato) with accompanying music from a language. Many regional songs have themes of single organ. The presence of an arrangement of everyday life so that they are easy to understand the song "Suno Lowalangi" by Brian Harefa makes a contemporary work song accompaniment of piano, bass, and drums. Of The reasons that are the basis for course, this is interesting to analyze further in

The theoretical basis in composition, song tell about the life of a family that has according to Banoe (2003:426), [2] The elements economic limitations, (3) this regional song is a of musical composition form are phrases, periods, result of a family depiction that tells the twists one-part song forms, two-part singles, three-part and turns of life, and (4) the lyrics of this regional singles, two-part compounds, rondos, themes and song contain meaning and values. In addition to variations, and sonatas. The elements of musical the reasons above, the lyrics of this Nias regional composition are verses, rhythm and rhythmic song are songs that are widely known and loved patterns, meter, melody, harmony, dynamics, by the local community, and the author likes this sound color, and texture. The elements of musical regional song because he feels moved by the composition structure are motifs, themes, beauty of the tune and the figurative language in variations (all elements of composition can be it, and the lyrics of this song really touch the varied), and improvisation. In terms of analyzing a musical composition, regarding the overall In some cases of musical works, study of the entire musical structure. This study on based the background, from different musical works. This is in line with development, musical structure, and musical the concept of multiculturalism, both in the use of elements studied so that the characteristics of a musical instruments and in the idea of creating a musical composition can be obtained precisely.

The musical character obtained basically the visual notation symbols. This is what is called functions to identify, define, and classify a transcription and analysis (Nettl 1964: 97-98). particular musical composition. In terms of arrangement using Kawaki's theory According to Panggabean (2020, p. 6004) [4], in https://youtu.be/y2qUgeneral, musical composition consists of the xQkaWY?si=oWtF2nalGMIjX0Ht. The recording continuation, complication, and resolution.

METHODOLOGY

The method used in this study is a descriptive method. Qualitative research is research that focuses results of the sounds heard (Stevenson, 1972, p. minority communities in the Nias Islands. 101). [6]. Therefore, the researcher listened to the audio of the song "Suno Lowalangi" by Brian instruments, musical instruments that are often Harefa, which is available on the YouTube used by the Nias people themselves in cultural platform, to facilitate the process of studying the activities. One of the traditional Nias musical form, structure, and musical elements in it.

aims to find an appropriate theory to support the the aramba. This instrument is a set of musical resolution of a problem (Subana & Sudrajat, 2011, instruments including gongs (aramba), faritia, p. 77). [7] The researcher collected several and drums (gondra). This musical instrument theories related to musical composition and the plays an important role in every performance, concept of jazz musical arrangement contained in especially the song "Suno Lowalangi." In addition, the ceremonies, where this musical instrument is an researcher will transcribe the music of the song official validation tool and is also used in events "Suno Lowalangi" to make it easier for the such as the election of a traditional leader (satua researcher to analyze the musical arrangement of mbanua), establishing a new house (mamasindro Brian Harefa's work. Randel, in The Harvard omo), and even during the harvest of mamasi laza Dictionary of Music, wrote about the definition of and other performances. Gong (aramba) has a transcription as "the reduction of music from live circular shape with a small circular protrusion in or recorded sound to written notation (Randel the middle. When this musical instrument is used, 2003: 902) [7]. Furthermore, Nettl said that there it is usually hung on a pole, or the rope can also be are two approaches to describing music: (1) we held and hit using a stick wrapped in cloth or can analyze and describe what we hear, and (2) cork. we can write and describe what we see. Therefore, to analyze the song "Suno Lowalangi," because the sound produced comes from the the author needs a process to notate/write the body of the musical instrument itself, and its subrecorded instrument sounds into visual symbols. classification is struck idiophone because it is hit Thus, the researcher can describe and analyze the using a stick. The drum (gondra) is a musical

The data source for this research is the (1975:260)[3], there are several elements that audio-visual recording of the song "Suno form the structure, including introduction, Lowalangi," which the author obtained from chorus, interlude, variation, ending, and vamp. YouTube as stated in the following link:

following composition structures: beginning, results were then transcribed into block notation using the Sibelius application media.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

1. Characteristics of the musical culture of the Nias tribe

Nias Island is known as a tribe rich in understanding a phenomenon in a research culture located on the island of Sumatra and is object by describing it in words (Moleong, 2004, known as Tano Niha. The people of Nias Island, or p. 6). [5]. This study intends to describe the song Ono Niha, have brown skin and slightly slanted "Suno Lowalangi" by Brian Harefa by describing eyes. The everyday language used by the Nias the composition and musical arrangement people is the Nias language itself, or Li Khoda. contained therein. Data collection was carried out Nias Island is not only inhabited by the Nias through discography studies, literature studies, people, but there are also immigrants from other and observations. Discography studies are tribes, such as Chinese, Malay, and Batak, and activities that analyze, describe, and analyze the there are also Westerners (tourists) who are

The Nias people have various musical instruments that is still used in various Literature study is a study in writing that performances both on and outside Nias Island is in traditional Nias wedding

The aramba is classified as an idiophone musical arrangement of "Suno Lowalangi" from instrument that has a round shape and has left and right sides. The drum is made of large pieces use selected animal skin that is wide and durable, independence, confidence, promise, longing, for example, cowhide or cowhide. The drum is sincerity, sadness, steadfastness, acceptance of played by two players by hitting it using sticks reality, and hope. 3) Moral values of human made from young bamboo. In terms of relationships with others consist of comforting, organology, this drum is classified as a begging, believing, advice, being honest with membranophone because the sound produced circumstances, and sending news and messages. comes from the skin. While the sub-classification 4) Moral values of human relationships with the of this drum musical instrument is struck environment and nature, namely the hometown. idiophone because it is struck using a stick. A The relationship between humans and God is that faritia is a musical instrument made of iron or humans are one of God's creatures who are in the metal that has a circular shape, and there is a same image and likeness as Him. Therefore, small protrusion in the middle of the faritia. The humans must always worship, carry out God's faritia musical instrument is played by one player commands, obey, and avoid God's prohibitions. and is struck using a stick made of small pieces of The relationship between humans and God is wood.

2. Values in the lyrics of the song Suno vertical relationship with God. Lowalangi

songs in the Zinunö Book of BNKP, which is in excelsis Deo. All over the world, the news is generally used in every Christmas celebration heard. The angels descending to announce the service. This song is one of the many songs added news I have come down from the continent of the to the theme of "The Birth of Jesus," or fa'atumbu world. I have come down from the earth with the Yesu, by the BNKP Church Music Commission, angels. Glory.....to Zoya (2x). Gloria in excelsis which revised the BNKP hymn in 2015. The song Deo. Only the shepherds in the fields were the "Suno Lowalangi" is a translation of the Christmas first to witness the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, theme song in the Hymn of the Congregation, the son of God. The results of the analysis of this namely "From the Island and the Continent." signified part are that the composer of the song Basically, KMG adopts the entire musical side of wanted to describe that there is always a figure the song "From the Island and the Continent," who no longer has any distance or has a close except for the text, which is then translated into distance with his God, which is symbolized by the Nias language. Here is the text of the song using the word I and also represents me in the "Suno Lowalangi."

Based on the results of the study, the form spiritual parts of the body. of moral values contained in the lyrics of Nias regional songs includes 4 (four) parts of moral am not my mother; I am the angel of the Lord. values, namely: the relationship between humans Glory...... to Zo'aya (2x). Gloria in excelsis Deo. and God, the relationship between humans and The angels sing praises to God, for the Savior has themselves, the relationship between humans been born into the world. has the meaning that and others, and the relationship between humans the songwriter expresses the affirmation of his and the environment and nature. These types of totality is God's property while the details of the moral values are then conveyed through moral spiritual me are expressed in the wordsoul and forms in song lyrics (literary works). The moral longing that cannot be seen and touched by the form is conveyed through a series of lyrics of the five senses. Nias folk song "Fofanögu Ina" by Yunus Gea. To

of wood, such as sago tree trunks, and both sides consist of honesty, remembering, strength, carried out through faith, namely prayer or other forms that show trust and belief through a

In the midst of the earth, the angels of the The song "Suno Lowalangi" is one of the world are heard. Glory.....to Zoya (2x). Gloria sense of totality between the physical and

Manunő ndra mala'ika wanunő Jehovah. I

Lakhőmi khő Lowalangi ba Zorugo si find out the form of moral values in the lyrics of yawa. Ba fa'atulő ba ni'omasi'ő-Nia. Glory......, the Nias folk song "Fofanögu Ina" by Yunus Gea, to Zo'aya (2x). Gloria in excelsis Deo. Glory to God the researcher first analyzed one by one the data in the highest, and peace to all who are pleased about the form of the aspects of the moral values. with him. The sign of this verse has a message that Moral Values in the Lyrics of Nias Folk Songs to express all the closeness of me wholly in the found four aspects of moral values as follows: 1) sense that I am spiritual and physical is proven by Moral values of human relationships with God the devotion of carrying out the ordered ritual of consist of praying, blessings, and help. 2) Moral worship continuously and continuously. And values of human relationships with oneself outside of activities or after completing the ritual

of worship, God is always remembered in daily The symbol of that devotion is that we declare all behavior or in every activity of life, whether in the totality in ourselves is entirely God's. solitude or in socializing with others. Always remember God.

Glo.....ria, tasuno Zo'aya (2x). Gloria in excelsis life outside the determined worship time. Deo. The Word of God has become human. He is Jesus, who was born tonight. The sign of this verse has a message to those who hear that the source of physical activity in humans that is often used is the hands and feet. As if the author is reminding a. Introduction us that there are so many works of hand activity permission.

by distance and is not limited by the size of song from an unforgettable hit. objects that are elastic. The recipient of the blessing of the ears is in the form of sound, where made wide, where at the beginning the intro is all sounds can be heard without being limited by made with piano dynamics and then continues to the number of sounds.

one knows who Lowalangi is, Glory....ria, Zo'aya's blessing (2x). Gloria in background excelsis Deo. Because of Him, humans are at peace arrangement of the poem changes to follow the with God. We become children of God. While what atmosphere of the poem in stanzas one and two produces pleasure from the sense of the tongue is which describes the solemnity of someone who is being able to feel and emit sound waves that are praying to God. very unlimited. From the five senses that are produced or received, they can be accommodated 9 (nine) bars, namely bars 1–9. The introduction by the heart so that we can feel.

Da ma'andrő khőu So'aya be'e khőma instruments. Geheha. Sanga'aro'ő tődőma wamati khőu So'aya. Glory.....ria, Zo'aya's blessing (2x). Gloria in excelsis Deo. O Lord, we ask for Your holy spirit upon us. Strengthen our hearts and faith in You. In the discussion of the analysis results, Each verse in the song contains content that encourages and invites listeners to prove that we acknowledge the existence of God or as an acknowledgement that we Acknowledge that God exists, proven by devotion and obedience to God.

While the proof of obedience to God is by carrying out ritual activities, of worship that are No Tobali ősi niha daroma li Jehovah. carried out both in worship that is determined by Ya'ia Yesu So'aya si tumbu bongi da'a. time and in carrying out God's teachings in daily

3. Musical Structure of Suno Lowalangi Song Arrangement

In the world of music, intros have a very that are countless and achievements from foot important and unique role. Music intros are not activity that are countless. Hand and foot just an opener but also become the identity and activities cannot work or cannot be used without main attraction of a song. Here is an in-depth the role of God, who controls them, or with God's explanation of the role and characteristics of intros in music. Along with the development of Yesu nihonogői Nama wangőhőli ya'ita. technology and changes in music trends, intros Ba horő nifaluada, sagőtő fa'aurida. Glo.....ria, have also evolved. In the streaming era, many tasuno Zo'aya (2x). Gloria in excelsis Deo. Jesus, artists make shorter intros to immediately get to who has become our savior for the sins that we the main part of the song, considering the have committed throughout our lives. The sign of importance of grabbing the listener's attention in the fifth verse has a message to those who hear a short time. Intros in music are not just about this song, wanting to express that the recipient of starting a song but also about creating an the greatest blessings from God is located in the unforgettable moment and making the listener five senses located in the head area. The recipient emotionally connect with the music from the first of the blessing of the eyes is so extraordinary as second. A musician or producer who is skilled at far as the eye can see, and its view is not limited creating a strong intro can distinguish a mediocre

The music in the intro is deliberately increase in intensity until the crescendo at the Bőrő ia wa'atulő, niha ba khő Jehovah. No end of the intro to give the impression of Ama. increasing anxiety. After the intro, atmosphere of the musical

> The opening part of the music consists of part is accompanied by bass, drum, and keyboard



b. Verse 1

The first verse consists of 16 bars, namely bars 10–25. The melody is sung by a solo tenor singer and bass, drums, and keyboard.



C. Chorus

The chorus section consists of 24 repetitive bars, namely from bars 26 to 50. In this section, the tenor singer sings with a melismatic style. The keyboard acts as a chord blocker in the chorus section.





d. Interlude

The interlude section consists of 14 (fourteen) bars, namely from bars 99 to 113. The interlude section is played by the keyboard as a melody/cadenza.





4. Description of the Presentation of the Song Suno Lowalangi

The term "music" originates from the Greek word "mousike," which has several meanings: 1) the art and science that discusses how to mix vocals or sounds of musical instruments in various songs, which can touch feelings; 2) the arrangement of sounds or tones; 3) the rhythmic changes of beautiful sounds, such as the sounds of birds and water; 4) the ability to respond to or enjoy music; 5) a group of

Sugono defines music as the science or art of teaches about faith. arranging tones or sounds in sequence, (melodies) that have rhythm.

confession of sins, asking for forgiveness, improvisation on the melody and chords used. confession of trust, surrender, gratitude, and asking for strength of faith. Each song has a harmoniously. The role of music in the church and different expression. For example, lyrics of songs worship as an expression of the goodness, justice, that are praise are more suitable to be sung with holiness, and glory of God. Music provides a feeling of joy, while songs that describe requests coolness in the heart when the rhythm and lyrics or regrets must be sung with a feeling of are heard in harmony, according to the Bible. solemnity (regret). Often this is the opposite of contents of the heart to God.

A phenomenon that is often found in the music can be used to express Christianity. church is church songs that only focus on humans, expression of praise that should be addressed to out almost without the will of the players. the Creator.

Church music is one of the increasingly **CONCLUSION** popular music lyrics among Christians and can be seen in its use in worship. 9 Church music is not song titles in the Zinunö Book (hymns) used in only instrumental music but also vocal music or congregational worship at the Banua Niha Keriso praise (music with lyrics). Church music is not Protestant (BNKP) church. This song is recorded only for musicians but is also related to the in the Zinunő Book No. 069, which is included in congregation praisers/vocalists.

musicians. 2 In line with the term music above, sings. By singing, the congregation learns and

"Suno of the combination, and temporal relationships to Lowalangi" by Brian Harefa accompanied by the produce a composition (sound) in unity and Ono Niha Band group, which is one of the bands continuity. This means that as tones or sounds are in Medan City pioneered by Brian Harefa. In arranged in such a way, they contain rhythm, presenting the song "Suno Lowalangi," the Ono song, and harmony (especially those using Niha Band group presents several instruments, instruments that can produce these sounds). This such as keyboard, drums, and bass. This provides is reinforced by Muhibudin's explanation, citing a new musical atmosphere to the song "Suno Prier's opinion that music is an overflow of the Lowalangi," which is generally accompanied by a ability of depiction power originating from the keyboard solo when sung in Christian worship. movement of feeling in a series of tones The use of song lyrics in the presentation of the song "Suno Lowalangi" by Brian Harefa and team The church liturgy view is that each music only displays three verses of lyrics from the eight genre has its own character, message, and verses of song lyrics contained in the Book of meaning. In church songs, not all are categorized Zinunö. In his presentation, Brian Harefa focuses as praise. There are lyrics that mean regret, more on the musicality of the song by presenting

Music will be useful if it is packaged

Based on a theological perspective. what is expected. For example, a worship leader spiritually, music can influence the human soul. invites the congregation to praise God, even The Bible exemplifies that music has great power though the song to be sung is a confession of sins. and influence in human life, so it can be imagined Therefore, musicians, singing teachers, and music if the lyrics of the music come from the Bible. commissions are needed so that the worship Songs containing these lyrics will influence the leaders learn to understand it. For this reason, in soul of someone who hears them. Church music, church music services, this aims to support and if used and developed properly, can be a blessing enable the church to sing to God. This can guide to the congregation. Church music ministers must the congregation so that the congregation sings realize that not all congregations have a musical well and correctly as an expression of the background. The congregation needs to be guided continuously to provide an understanding that

The purpose of church music, held not on the creator. Songs that should be according to the word of God, is to win the souls addressed to the Creator as an expression of His of sinful humans. The music of the song does not greatness are instead twisted into lamentations. make someone a Christian and worship God. Just This does not mean that a song of lamentation like everything that breathes, art and music are should not be sung in church, but rather that the actually created to praise God. Music itself song of lamentation should not dominate an requires it and, if possible, continues to be carried

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