1.INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of the Study

The three John Donne’ poems which are going to be studied in this paper are a series of poems in John Donne’s book, *the love poems of John Donne*. John Donne was born in London in 1572. The family residence, a comfortable merchant’s house, was situated on Bread Street, which used to run down the river from Cheapside.

In this paper, the writer has chosen three poems from love poems of John Donne as the subject of this paper. The writer is strongly interested in love story that the author expressed through his poems which maybe happened in life that we live in, as the author of the poems experienced and expressed it through the poems. The three love poems tell us so many knowledge about life and love, faithful and hopes. That’s why the writer would like to interpretate lyric and meaning of the poems.

Poetry is the shortest category than other four genres of literature based on Robert and Jacob (1995:2) say, “Literature is classified into four genres: prose fiction, poetry, drama, and nonfiction prose. They also say that the genres of imaginative literature have much in common, but they also have distinguishing characteristics.”

Taylor (1981:1) says that literature is just like other arts, is essentially an imaginative act of writer’s imagination of selecting, ordering, and interpreting life experiences.

However, literature is a mirror of human life that portrays the human feeling, thought, imagination, and perception can be viewed based on personal judgment.

Edgar and Henry (1995:2) say that poetry expresses a conversation or interchange that is grounded in the most deeply felt experiences of human beings. Poetry exists in many formal and informal shapes, from the brief *haiku* to the extensive *epic*.

Siswantoro (2002:1) says “*puisi merupakan media untuk mengko -munikasikan apa Universitas Sumatera Utara*
Richard (1985:4) says that poetry is both a specially made object and important form of communication between people.

However, Poetry is the place where we can share our feeling, unspoken feeling, no matter good or bad feeling we have. It’s a place where we can tell the moment we have, which is going to be memorized in the future.

1.2 Problem of Study

Based on the background of this paper, the problem of this study is how is the lyric and meaning interpretation of the John Donne poems.

1.3 Scope of Study

In John Donne love poems book, there are so many poems that we can study or interpretate what’s actually going to be told by the author through his poems. However, the writer focuses on interpretation of the three John Donne in these poems. They are: the dream, air and angel, and good-morrow.

1.4 Purpose of Study

The purpose of this study is to know the John Donne love poems interpretation through his three poems. The writer wants to interpretate lyric and meaning of the three poems.

1.5 Method of Study

The writer used the descriptive qualitative method. The first step done by the writer was reading and understanding the three love poems by John Donne. Then the writer searched some literary books from some sources. The writer went to library and borrowed some books especially books that are relevant to the topic that can support in analysis the poems and as reference in finishing this paper.
However, the books from library are not enough as the sources of data in writing this paper. The writer also searched and collected data from internet to enrich the data. The last, the writer described and interpreted the data and made some conclusions. In order to another reader easy understanding in this method, the writer describes a chart bellow: