

ABSTRACT

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The main purpose of this research is to study and to classify a variety of songs composed by Rewat Buddhinan. The analytical research will focus on the types of song, content analysis, language analysis such as poetic diction, word choice, figures of speech and also the analysis of Rewat Buddhinan's world visions, which have appeared in his songs.

The data collection of this paper can be divided into two sources: primary sources and secondary sources. The primary sources are the interviews of his friends and his vocalists. The secondary sources are Rewat Buddhinan's songs, which were composed for himself and for other singers. The total number of the songs is 104, which were composed during 1983-1996. Moreover, many articles and much research about songs are also helpful in this analytical study. The result of the research reveals that Rewat Buddhinan is an artist who had a high capability to create songs, and was highly accepted in the public until the present time. Although Rewat Buddhinan's songs are mostly love songs, they also reflect social circumstances and social problems.

Besides giving pleasure to the audience, his songs also give the ideas of the truth of life, and also the way of life. Rewat Buddhinan inserts the idea of merit, morals, and good values in his songs in order to reinforce social development. He takes his experiences, and many events which occurred in society to rearrange than as songs which can catch both teenagers' and the public's interest to conceptualise and to create a better society. Although his songs are not written in verse as mostly traditional Thai songs are, they are rhetorical with rhythm and rhyme, the word repetition, and with figures of speech. As for Rewat Buddhinan's world vision, which appeared in his songs, it is found that his vision seems very broad and progressive. Rewat Buddhinan is a person who understands the changing of the world and society. His thought is optimistic and humanistic. He always emphasises that good thoughts and good deeds must bring good things in life. As for his vision of nature, he concludes that nature is great and powerful, and that there are relationships between nature and human beings. Thus, People should respect and preserve nature. He also strongly believes in Buddhism. He respects karma, sin, and making merit. He believes that one will get the result of what one does.