

# Unveiling Wordsworth's Daffodils: A Semiotic Tapestry of Signs and Symbols

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ARTICLE INFO	ABSTRACT
<p><b>Keywords:</b> Charles Sanders Peirce; Poetry; Semiotic Analysis; Signs and Symbols; William Wordsworth's Poem</p> <p><b>Received:</b> 20 Apr 2024 <b>Revised:</b> 25 May 2024 <b>Accepted:</b> 26 May 2024</p>	<p>This research aims to identify and analyze signs and symbols in William Wordsworth's poem <i>I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud</i>. This study employs a descriptive qualitative research design through a semiotic approach to investigate the function of signs and symbols in poetic discourse. The data in this research was collected from Wordsworth's <i>I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud</i> as the primary data source, while the secondary data sources are books, articles, and other online sources that support the primary data. The obtained data were analyzed using Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic model, which consists of an icon, index, and symbol. The data analysis was conducted in three stages: classification, display, and verification. The result of this research shows that the poem employs various phrases, which can be categorized as icons, indexes, and symbols. The signs function to surpass linguistic barriers and convey significant insights about the human spirit and its connection to the natural world. These can also serve as a reminder that even the most basic words, when skillfully composed and infused with symbolic significance, can have a lasting effect on readers, encouraging them to delve into their feelings and establish a stronger bond with the world.</p>

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Literature explores the complexities of human behavior and emotions within the boundaries of an imaginary realm. Literature shares similarities with philosophy and rhetoric as it explores the actions and emotions of individuals inside a fictional realm (Johansen, 2002). Literature, like philosophy and rhetoric, seeks to explore the profound aspects of human behaviors and emotions. However, it distinctively accomplishes this by immersing readers in an imaginary realm that allows them to contemplate these issues from a new and unique standpoint.

Literature uses narrative and imaginative situations to examine these identical problems and explores the intricacies of human nature, ethical quandaries, and emotional encounters through its characters, stories, and settings. Literature enables readers to explore and connect with abstract concepts on a profound and often more relevant level by constructing an imaginary realm, offering a narrative perspective that sheds light on real-world concerns. According to Jorgen in his book "Literary Discourse: A Semiotic-Pragmatic Approach to Literature", characteristics that define literature are fictionality, poeticity, inquisitoriality, license, and contemplation. These five characteristics typically differentiate a literary work from a non-literary one, although there may be exceptions. This correlation becomes much more apparent and powerful Within the realm of poetry. Poetry is one of the oldest literary genres instances of it can be traced back to ancient Greek literature (Klarer, 2013). Poetry is among the most literary genres (Ngestirosa, 2018). Poetry, as a genre of written communication,



employs language in a compact and focused manner to examine and communicate human emotions, experiences, and thoughts. Poetry frequently centers around particular instances, intense emotions, and profound introspective musings. Poetry has the ability to construct an imaginary realm that is abundant in significance and sentiment through the use of structure, rhythm, and metaphor.

In this study, the researchers used poetry as the subject of analysis. According to its etymology, the word poetry is derived from the Greek word "poesis", which means to construct, form, manufacture, and create. In the meantime, the term "poet" refers to someone who uses his imagination to create anything, someone who resembles a god, or someone who worships gods. These are the holy individuals with keen vision, such as philosophers, statesmen, instructors, or those with the ability to see hidden truths. Poetry is the uncontrollably expressed outburst of strong emotions. Poems are indirect expressions, which means they describe something by employing connotative meaning (Anindita et al., 2017). It originates from a recollected emotion in a calm setting, the emotions are thought about until, through a kind of reaction, the calm gradually vanishes and emotions, similar to the original emotion, are gradually generated and manifest in the mind (Fadaee, 2011). It implies that poetry, particularly in literary works, is a means of expressing concepts, sentiments, and emotions.

Poetry is a form of literature characterized by the deliberate selection of words and the use of imagination. Poetry differs from language and common speech by the innovative use of words. Words often have connotative meanings or symbolize other things in poetry. Consequently, it results in poetry being challenging to comprehend. Deciphering the symbolic meaning of literature within words is just as important as deciphering their literal meaning when it comes to understanding poetry. Consequently, poets frequently employ techniques meant to evoke sensory or emotional responses from readers in addition to revealing the meanings of the poems themselves. This instrument is commonly known as symbolism. Many readers are likely to draw different conclusions from a poem based on its symbolism. According to Firth (2013), the symbol acts as a mediator between the creative picture and the ideas of concealed meaning. Though the concept has more hidden significance, the symbol has more. It carried a literal sense as opposed to the artistic one. Aryangga & Nurmaily (2017) state that all signs and words have a secret meaning. In poetry, everything that has more than one meaning is called a symbol. The semiotics approach is a good method for analyzing literary works, particularly poems that include several symbolic meanings.

The objective of this study is to provide a thorough semiotic analysis of the poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* by William Wordsworth, with particular attention to the signs and symbols utilized throughout the poem. The examination will be carried out inside the semiotic theory theoretical framework developed by Charles Sanders Peirce. This study looks at the sign kinds, sign processes, and interpretive roles as described in Peirce's semiotic framework in order to shed light on the deeper meanings buried in Wordsworth's poetic language.

This analysis main objective is to investigate the functions of signs and symbols in poetic discourse, especially as they relate to the theme of nature and human experience as it is portrayed in *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud*. This study uses Peirce's semiotic theory to identify the several sign categories that Wordsworth uses to express his thematic concerns and elicit particular cognitive and affective reactions in the reader. Examples of these categories include icons, indices, and symbols. This study aims to discover and analyze the iconic signs that reflect natural phenomena like clouds, daffodils, and the overall environment that are represented in the poem through a close reading of the text. It also attempts to examine the indexical signals that create causal or associative connections inside the poem, connecting the speaker's emotional state or the larger human predicament to natural components.

### 1.1 Previous Study

This study draws from earlier research conducted by Asrifan & Dewi (2023), who finished their study "A Semiotic Analysis of Robert Frost's Poem Love and A Question Based on Charles Sander Peirce Triangle Theory" on December 1, 2023, at Universitas Muhammadiyah Sidenreng Rappang and



Universitas Negeri Makassar. The semiotic theory of Charles Sander Peirce is used in this article. This article and the researchers' research both used poetry as the subject of their investigations; the only difference is that the researchers used a different poem—Robert Frost's poem—as his object of study. The study's hypothesis, which he examined using Peirce's triangle theory, led to the discovery of the meaning of the poem's symbols. By means of Peirce's triangle theory, they discovered the sky represents the unknown future, the wealthy curse represents the priceless moments in life, the stranger represents life's uncertainty, and the green-and-white stick represents life's lengthy trip. Every symbolically depicted word in the poem has a meaning that is intimately associated with the essence of life. After reading the previous study above, the researchers decided to examine the Signs and Symbols in Poetry *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* by William Wordsworth. The researchers want to analyze the meaning of the symbolic words contained in the poem. This research uses Charles Sander Peirce's semiotic approach.

### 1.2 Semiotic

The study of signs is widely acknowledged as the focus of semiotics. The Greek word "semeion," which means a sign, is where the name "semiotics" itself comes from. The names "semiotics" and "semiology" are sometimes used synonymously, denoting the same field of study: the study of signals. One possible contrast between them is that, although Charles Sanders Pierce introduced the term "semiotics" to America, Ferdinand De Saussure (1974) is credited with popularizing "semiology" in Europe. Asih (2016) states that "semiotic or semiology is science which studies sign systems which is language, codes, sets of signals and others". Semiology is an alternative term for semiotics. It is the study of the meanings and applications of signs and symbols.

Semiotics is the study of anything that "stands for" something other than what we often think of as a "sign" in everyday speech. Semiotics encompasses the various ways in which meaning is created and communicated via the use of signs (Johansen & Larsen, 2005). Ferdinand de Saussure's description of the sign established the direction that semiotic investigation would follow in the initial fifty years of the twentieth century. He described it as a composition consisting of tangible elements such as noises, letters, and gestures, which he referred to as the signifier. Additionally, it includes the mental representation or idea that the signifier represents, which he named the signified (Sebeok, 2001). Signs can be words, images, sounds, gestures, objects, or other semiotic elements. This idea is corroborated by Baltaci & Balci (2017). Semiotics pertains to the area of linguistics that studies signs, the act of making or producing signs, and the methods of communicating their meaning to other individuals (Baltaci & Balci, 2017; Susanti et al., 2023). Modern semioticians examine topics not independently, but rather as components of a semiotic "sign-system" (a genre, for example). They research the construction of meanings and the representation of reality. Semiotics is the study of representation and meaning making in a variety of contexts, most notably in "text" and "media" (Chandler, 2022).

In semiotics, the study of signs, whether signifier or signified, how the sign might produce meaning, or anything else, the sign is the only thing taken into consideration. According to Greene et al. (2012), semiotics is the study of the structures, guidelines, and practices that give these signals their meaning. One way that communication can be given is through semiotics. The sign, as defined by (Saussure, 1966 cited in Chandler, 2022), is the entire material that arises from the relationship between the signifier and the signified. "Signification" refers to the relationship that exists between the signifier and the signified. There must be a signifier and a signified for a sign to exist. We cannot have a signified that has no shape or a signifier that has no meaning at all. A distinguishable pairing of a signifier and a specific signified is called a sign. In language, signifier and signified are the two basic levels. The tangible words "sound" and "signified" are referred to by the term signifier. However, it has to do with the notion or concept that the emblem or sound is trying to convey. Put another way, there is a reciprocal relationship between the two language levels. Form and content are therefore inseparable.

The primary figures in semiotics are the logician and philosopher Charles Sander Peirce (Lorino, 2014). Humans can only reason through signs, according to Peirce. Reasoning is done by signs. For this reason, he said that semiotics may be applied to all kinds of signals and that logic is the foundation of semiotics. He also referred to semiotics as a synonym for logic. The researchers are interested in adopting a semiotic approach to extract study material from one of William Wordsworth's English poems, based on the description that was just given. "Signs and Symbols in Poetry: A Semiotic Analysis of William Wordsworth's *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* is the title of this study.

### 1.3 Peirce's Semiotics Theory

The American philosopher, scientist, and logician Charles Sander Peirce's theory of sign was employed by the researchers in their work. He was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1839. Peirce assumed that a sign "is something whiassumededly for something in some respect or capacity" in his semiotics theory. It speaks to someone, i.e., it forms a comparable or possibly more sophisticated symbol in that person's mind. He used to describe a "sign" as anything that takes the place of someone.

Peirce believed that the sign categorization he initially described in 1867 was the most significant. Although these divisions are frequently referred to as "sign types," it is more helpful to think of them as the various ways that signs relate to their meaning. Three categories of signs were distinguished by Charles Peirce: iconic signs, which are similar to what they represent, indexical signs, which are directly related to what they represent, and symbolic signals, which have a more conventional or arbitrary relationship to meaning (Chandler, 2022).

The three modes are as follows: (1) Symbol: a mode in which this link needs to be established and learnt because the sign is essentially arbitrary or entirely conventional rather than resembling the signified: For example, language in general (including dialects, alphabetic characters, punctuation, words, phrases, and sentences), numerals, Morse code, traffic signals, and national flags. (2) Icon: a mode in which the signifier is believed to mimic or resemble the signified (which is identified by seeing, hearing, tasting, or smelling something similar) - similar in that it shares some of its attributes. Examples of this include mimetic gestures, realistic sounds in radio dramas, cartoons, scale models, onomatopoeia, metaphors, realistic sounds in portraits, and realistic sounds in radio dramas. (3) Index: a mode where, independent of intention, the signifier is directly and physically (or causally) connected to the signified; this relationship can be witnessed or inferred: For instance, "signs of nature" (wind, smoke). 'signals' (door knocking, phone ringing), 'markers' (pointing with the index finger, directions), 'trademarks' (handwriting, catchphrase), medical symptoms (pain, rash, pulse), and recordings (pictures, film, video or television footage, sound recordings) are examples of "signs of nature." The writers' analysis will be aided by the semiotics method. Poetry meanings can be examined using this classification, which is useful for the analysis of texts in media.

## 2. METHODS

In this study, the researchers use a descriptive and qualitative approach to analyze the signs and symbols in William Wordsworth's poem "*I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud*" through a semiotic approach and C.S. Peirce's theory. By using this type of research, the researchers want to describe the signs and symbols used in William Wordsworth's *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* poem. This descriptive technique is also intended to provide a better understanding to the readers through a clearer description of the meanings contained in the symbols used in this poem.

This study uses two different categories of data sources: 1) The primary source of data for this study is William Wordsworth's poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud*. The words that the researchers chose for their data have signs and symbols within the poem. 2) Every single secondary piece of data supported the main piece of data. Along with books, articles, journals, and other online sources that bolster the original data.

The majority of the data is derived from words in William Wordsworth's poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud*. Certain tasks are carried out by the researchers as part of the data collection procedure. Analyzing the primary and secondary sources in-depth is the first step in the data collection process. Subsequently, the scientists presented a brief summary and highlighted significant findings. The researchers select words from the poem that serve as signs and symbols. and then, assign significance to each word based on their notes. To ascertain the significance of the primary data for the research, the researchers selected the data collection in the second reading stage of a deeper interpretation. The researchers collected any documents pertaining to the original data and supporting the analysis as secondary data.

The process of analyzing data consists of three primary parts. After the data collection procedure is over, the data must be categorized. The classification method was carried out in the first step, which involved closely reading the poem. In order to fully comprehend the poetry and make it easier for them to analyze, the researchers read the poem aloud and with great intensity. In the second step, where the classified data were shown, the researchers applied semiotic theory to address the study questions. Following an analysis of the poem's symbolic and sign terms, the scholars compiled a list of words whose meanings would eventually become clear. The major goal of this step in the poem is to decipher the meaning of the symbols and signs in order to show the moral lesson the poet intended for the readers. In the last stage, the researchers draw conclusions and organizes the results.

### 3. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

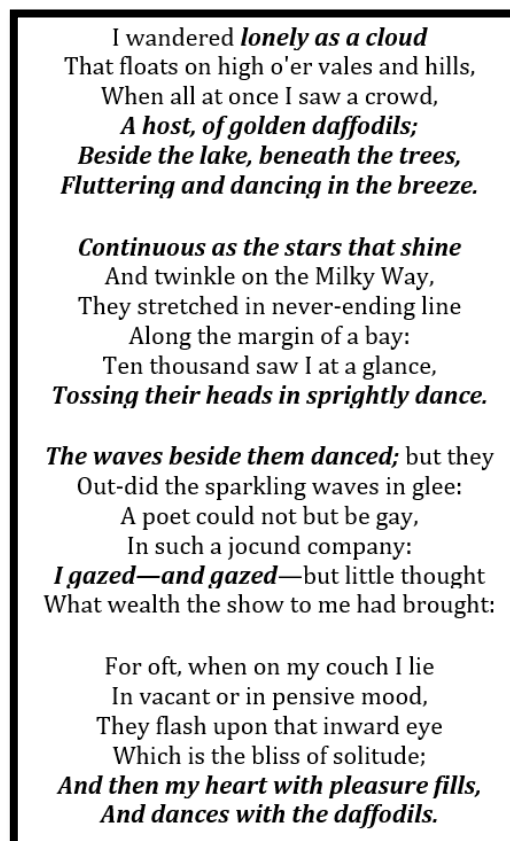


Figure 1. I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud by William Wordsworth



### 3.1 Analysis of the "Lonely as a cloud"

"Lonely as a cloud" refers to the protagonist's experience of loneliness as described in the poem I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud. In this context, "lonely" refers to feeling alone or lonesome, while "as a cloud" describes how someone who is lonely feels like a cloud who is stumbling along the ground alone. Clouds are frequently associated with sadness since they live in isolation without proper connections to other objects. For this explanation, it can be summarized as follows:

The line "lonely as a cloud" in William Wordsworth's poem I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud can be examined from the point of view of signs, which is the basic idea in Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic theory. Based on Peirce's classification, we can interpret "lonely as a cloud" in this case as one of the signs of the three elements: index, icon, and symbol.

The line "lonely as a cloud" functions as a powerful symbol in William Wordsworth's poem I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud, encapsulating complex ideas and feelings that recur throughout the poem. This analysis explores the phrase's symbolic richness within the context of the poem, drawing on Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic theory, which sees symbols as carriers of layered meanings beyond their surface interpretation. "Lonely as a cloud" is a symbol for separation and loneliness that conveys a deep sense of loneliness similar to a cloud drifting alone across the vastness of the sky. However, this symbolism goes beyond simple loneliness and becomes a metaphor for reflection and spiritual advancement. The speaker's seclusion takes on a transcendent dimension, akin to the ethereal trip of a cloud, signifying humanity's ability to ascend above worldly worries and attain higher levels of consciousness. The speaker's solitary wanderings lead to a deep meeting with the dancing daffodils, where imagination transcends loneliness and turns solitary encounters into moments of inspiration and beauty.

This further illustrates the phrase's ability to embody the transformational power of imagination. In addition, the phrase "lonely as a cloud" alludes to the speaker's connection to nature, where, despite initial feelings of loneliness, companionship and consolation can be found among the wonders of the natural world. A sense of life and harmony is communicated by the images of the daffodils and their fluttering dance, emphasizing the unity and connectivity of all living things. The line "lonely as a cloud" ultimately challenges readers to reflect on the complexity of the human experience and the transformational power of nature, giving the poem a rich symbolic meaning and encouraging further investigation of its underlying meanings.

### 3.2 Analysis of the "A host, of golden daffodils"

"A host, of golden daffodils" in the poem I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud by William Wordsworth refers to the speaker's experience of finding a beautiful and abundant cluster of golden daffodils along the shore of a lake. Here, a huge group or profusion of these blooms is referred to as the "host." "Of golden daffodils" alludes to the speaker's observations about the daffodils' physical characteristics. The term "golden" is used to emphasize the flowers' vivid, golden yellow hue. The term "golden" can also give the flowers an air of grandeur and beauty. For this explanation, it can be summarized as follows:

The line "A host, of golden daffodils" from William Wordsworth's poem I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud can be examined from the standpoint of sign, a fundamental idea in Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic theory. Based on Peirce's classification, we can interpret "A host, of golden daffodils" in this case as one of the signs of the three elements: index, icon and symbol.

Charles Sanders Peirce's theory suggests that the line "A host, of golden daffodils" in William Wordsworth's poem I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud might be interpreted as a symbol. A symbol, according to Peirce's semiotic theory, is a sign with a more general or abstract meaning that frequently symbolizes an idea that is universal or emotive. This phrase depicts a picture of a group of lovely, gold-colored daffodils. But its symbolic significance goes beyond describing the blooms' actual appearance. Daffodils are used in this poem as a metaphor of the amazing and captivating beauty of the natural



world. They paint a moving picture of the majesty and beauty of the natural world that envelops us. This statement has deeper implications than just a picture; it also refers to life, happiness, and the ability of nature to inspire. The word "host" alludes to the wealth and bounty of nature, while the golden-colored daffodils represent sunlight and warmth.

In the poetry *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud*, the line "A host, of golden daffodils" refers to more than simply a physical scene; it also represents wealth, joy, beauty, and human bravery in the face of loneliness. As a symbol, the sentence encourages readers to ponder the richness of its meaning and value the natural world's wonders and inspirational force. The expression can also be seen as a representation of human bravery and tenacity in the face of isolation and loneliness. In the context of this poem, the speaker, who at first feels alone, finds joy and strength in the abundance and sparkle of daffodils.

### **3.3 Analysis of the "Beside the lake, beneath the trees,"**

"Beside the lake, beneath the trees" in the poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* by William Wordsworth describes the location or setting where the speaker finds a group of beautiful daffodils. "Beside the lake" refers to the speaker's discovery of the daffodils' location or position. They are beside the lake, which suggests that this is a peaceful, natural, and possibly open area. "Beneath the trees" refers to the daffodils' alternate location, which is beneath the trees. This enhances the setting's organic, shaded quality. In addition to offering the flowers shade and protection, the trees may also contribute to a cozier and more peaceful ambiance.

The line "Beside the lake, beneath the trees" from William Wordsworth's poetry *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* can be examined from the standpoint of sign, a fundamental idea in Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic theory. Based on Peirce's classification, we can interpret "Beside the lake, beneath the trees," in this case as one of the signs of the three elements: index, icon, and symbol.

The line "Beside the lake, beneath the trees" in Wordsworth's poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* has characteristics that make it suitable for classification as an index. According to semiotic theory, an index is a sign that, like the effect of a cause, has a direct or causal relationship with the item that is being addressed. In this instance, the phrase offers a clear indication as to the place where the poem's events are set. The reader is immediately brought to a specific location—by the lake and beneath the trees—when the sentence "Besides the lake, beneath the trees" appears. This line aids the reader in creating a distinct mental picture by describing the actual area where the poem's events take place. The statement explicitly alludes to the lake and the trees, two actual physical objects, and their existence in both space and time. Wordsworth offers a calm and lovely natural setting with the line "Beside the lake, beneath the trees," which serves as the background for the poetic experience that is portrayed in the poem. This line also emphasizes Wordsworth's recurring theme of nature, which is the link between man and nature.

Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic theory states that the line "Beside the lake, beneath the trees" in William Wordsworth's poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* serves as an index. The poetry is grounded in a tangible reality by this sentence, which creates a direct physical link to the poet's actual experience. Through the provision of a particular context that affects the poet's emotional and contemplative state, these indexical sentences improve the reader's comprehension of the poem. This thorough analysis reveals how Wordsworth employs indexical markings to close the gap between the external world and the interior experience, enhancing the richness of his poems' themes and sensory details.

### **3.4 Analysis of the "Fluttering and dancing in the breeze."**

The line "Fluttering and dancing in the breeze" from William Wordsworth's poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* captures the lovely, vibrant movement of daffodils. The term "fluttering" conjures up images of delicate, rhythmic movement, as though the flowers are softly flickering or fluttering in the wind. In the meantime, the term "dancing" adds a happy and joyful quality, giving the impression that the flowers are merrily dancing in the wild.



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The line "Fluttering and dancing in the breeze" sticks out as a vivid and dynamic depiction of the movement of daffodils being blown by the wind in William Wordsworth's poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud*. This sentence can be examined as an icon within the framework of Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic theory. The way the phrase moves is an exact imitation of how daffodils naturally sway in the wind. "Dancing" adds a lively and exuberant quality to the movement, while "fluttering" describes the gentle and rhythmic movement created by the wind. It becomes famous because of this resemblance, which establishes a clear link between the flower's physical movement and the word description. Wordsworth gives the reader the ability to visualize and feel the movement of the flower through the use of richly detailed language that describes movement. One of the distinguishing characteristics of an icon is that it enables the viewer to experience or visualize the sensory aspects of the thing it symbolizes. In this instance, the phrase "Fluttering and dancing" conjures up a vivid, dynamic picture of the daffodils swaying in the breeze. Icons that are similar to actual situations can likewise arouse feelings in viewers. In this instance, the expression "Fluttering and dancing in the breeze" conveys the carefree dance-associated sensations of joy and playfulness in addition to physical movement.

### **3.5 Analysis of the "Continuous as the stars that shine"**

In William Wordsworth's poem, *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud*, the line "Continuous as the stars that shine" offers a striking picture of the abundance and brilliance of the daffodils witnessed by the speaker. Wordsworth uses this analogy to describe the vastness of the blossoms, drawing a comparison to the stars in the sky. Incorporating a feeling of ethereal awe and eternity into the daffodils, the comparison implies that their beauty is expansive and everlasting. In addition, "that shine" conjures up the splendor and brightness of the stars, reflecting the vivid yellow color of the daffodils as they contrast with the surroundings. The speaker is filled with tremendous awe and adoration for the flowers, and this imagery captures that emotion as well as their physical beauty. In essence, "Continuous as the stars that shine" serves as a powerful reminder of how nature has the ability to elevate the human spirit and inspire a feeling of awe and respect.

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In William Wordsworth's poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud*, the line "Continuous as the stars that shine" is a symbol according to Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic theory. A symbol is a mark that links an actual object to a more general or abstract meaning. The expression "Continuous as the stars that shine" conjures up ideas of eternity or continuity regarding the stars. The stars in this instance stand for eternity, beauty, and continuity. The phrase's meaning transcends the literal depiction of stars and extends to an abstract interpretation of timeless beauty in nature. The phrase also conjures up images of nature's limitless and inspirational beauty by implying a sense of disconnection, beauty, and power beyond human comprehension. According to Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic theory, this sentence is better classified as a symbol since it elicits a range of emotions and ideas and encourages readers to consider the symbolic meaning of the unchangeable wonder and beauty in the universe.

### **3.6 Analysis of the "Tossing their heads in sprightly dance."**

In William Wordsworth's poem, *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud*, the line "Tossing their heads in sprightly dance" describes how happy the daffodils are. The line evokes a feeling of vibrancy and impulsiveness as the daffodils gracefully move and dance in the wind making this line feel lively and





spontaneous. The depiction of the flowers "tossing their heads" conveys a sense of carefree and joyous movement, as if they are participating in a lively dance. The word "sprightly" accentuates the vigorous and lively quality of their actions, giving a feeling of liveliness and happiness. In this depiction, Wordsworth not only presents the aesthetic appeal of the daffodils but also depicts the lively and captivating quality of their movement.

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The line "Tossing their heads in sprightly dance" from William Wordsworth's poetry *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* sticks out as an example of a vivid visual description that captures the reader's imagination. This sentence can be examined as an icon within the framework of Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic theory. Daffodils that appear to be dancing joyfully are described as "tossing their heads in sprightly dance." This line perfectly captures the way daffodils naturally sway in the breeze. "Tossing their heads" creates a vivid mental picture of the flowers as they move back and forth, and "sprightly dance" gives the movement a lively, exuberant quality. These parallels establish a clear link between the verbal descriptions and the flowers' physical movements, which is what makes them famous. Wordsworth gives the reader the ability to visualize and feel the movement of the flower through the use of richly detailed language that describes movement. One of the distinguishing characteristics of an icon is that it enables the viewer to experience or visualize the sensory aspects of the thing it symbolizes. "Tossing their heads in sprightly dance" captures the spirit of carefree dancing, which is generally connected with enthusiasm and joy, in addition to describing the physical movement. This gives the emblem a more sentimental quality.

### **3.7 Analysis of the "The waves beside them danced;"**

The line "The waves beside them danced" in William Wordsworth's *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* effectively depicts a tranquil and attractive setting in which the speaker comes across a field of daffodils next to a lake. This visual representation brings to mind the regular and flowing motion of the waves, gently oscillating in harmony with the lively daffodils. The term "danced" evokes a feeling of energy and vibrancy, implying a blissful and harmonious connection between mankind and the natural world. The swirling waves symbolically reflect the swaying motion of the daffodils, emphasizing the interconnectedness and unity of the natural world. In this statement, Wordsworth encourages readers to fully engage with the magnificence and grandeur of nature, cultivating a more thorough understanding of the significant connection between humanity and the natural world.

The line "The waves beside them danced" from William Wordsworth's poetry *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* can be examined from the standpoint of sign, a fundamental idea in Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic theory. Based on Peirce's classification, we can interpret "The waves beside them danced" in this case as one of the signs of the three elements: index, icon and symbol.

Charles Sanders Peirce's theory suggests that the line "The waves beside them danced" in William Wordsworth's poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* can be seen as an icon. An icon, according to semiotic theory, is a sign that physically or visually resembles a thing to represent that object or concept. The sentence creates a vibrant and dynamic visual image of nature within the poem's environment. A strong and dramatic image strikes the reader's mind as soon as they picture waves dancing close to daffodils. The waves create a striking picture and provide the idea that nature is actively engaging with the daffodils, which stand for the beauty of nature. This gives the flower a sense of vitality and life, turning the phrase into an emblem of life and the beauty of the natural world. The waves dancing next to the daffodil can be seen as a statement of nature's respect or admiration for the natural beauty that the flower represents. This phrase also urges the reader to experience nature's admiration for natural beauty. As a result, this line not only conjures up a powerful mental image for the reader, but it also has

a profound emotional significance that deepens their knowledge of the poem. Charles Sanders Peirce's theory states that the line "The waves beside them danced;" from the poetry *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* is more suitably understood as an icon since it physically or visually resembles the item represented. One of the key components to comprehending the meaning and beauty of this poetry is this sentence, which not only creates a striking visual image but also has a profound emotional significance.

### **3.8 Analysis of the "I gazed—and gazed—"**

The line "I gazed—and gazed" in William Wordsworth's *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* expresses the speaker's deep thoughts as they see the dancing daffodils, capturing a timeless moment. By employing repetition, Wordsworth underscores the profound and enduring quality of the speaker's gaze, implying a captivating and life-altering experience with the splendor of nature. The term "gazed" not only denotes the physical act of observing, but also encompasses the emotional and spiritual immersion in the natural realm. The repetition emphasizes the enduring influence of the daffodils on the speaker's awareness, prompting readers to contemplate the ability of nature to evoke amazement and reverence. In this sentence, Wordsworth effectively conveys the enduring nature of the relationship between humans and the environment, encouraging readers to partake in a deep moment of reflection and admiration.

The line "I gazed—and gazed—" from William Wordsworth's poetry *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* can be examined from the standpoint of sign, a fundamental idea in Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic theory. Based on Peirce's classification, we can interpret "I gazed—and gazed—" in this case as one of the signs of the three elements: index, icon, and symbol.

The line "I gazed-and gazed-" in William Wordsworth's poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* conveys a deep symbolic experience that can be understood via the prism of Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic theory. Within this paradigm of semiotics, signals with more expansive or abstract meanings—which frequently embody universal or affective concepts—are referred to as symbols. This word conjures up the idea of intense, repeated gazing. But the term "gazed" is used repeatedly, highlighting not just the physical act of staring but also the subject's intensely introspective and focused state of mind. Gazing can be seen in the poem's context as a metaphor for paying close attention to and appreciating the beauty of nature, or it can also be seen as a symbol of introspective thought. The statement can also be interpreted as a representation of the subject's amazement and admiration at the breathtaking natural surroundings. The term "gazed" is used repeatedly, indicating the depth of the subject's experience, and reinforcing its symbolic meaning. The expression here refers to a profound sense of amazement and awe that transcends the act of looking in its literal sense.

In semiotics, symbols are signs with a more general or abstract meaning that frequently stand for ideas that are sentimental or universal. The sentence "I gazed-and gazed-" conjures up an image of the subject's intense, introspective inner state in addition to describing the physical act of gazing. This expression, when used in poetry, conveys a state of profound amazement, introspection, or contemplation that transcends the mere physical act of gazing. As a result, it conveys a deeper and more ethereal meaning of the human experience, consistent with semiotic theory's understanding of symbols.

### **3.9 Analysis of the "And then my heart with pleasure fills"**

"And then my heart with pleasure fills" in the poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* by William Wordsworth, describes the speaker's emotional transformation following their sighting of a cluster of gorgeous daffodils. The phrase "and then" denotes a shift or passage from one emotional condition to another. The speaker is explaining how seeing daffodils causes him to transform. "My heart with pleasure fills" expresses the speaker's gladness or joy upon viewing the daffodils. Here, the phrase "fills with pleasure" denotes that the experience is full of happiness or pleasure, while the term "heart" alludes to an intensely felt sense or emotion.



The line "And then my heart with pleasure fills" from William Wordsworth's poetry *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* can be examined from the standpoint of sign, which is the fundamental idea in Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic theory. Based on Peirce's classification, we can interpret "And then my heart with pleasure fills" in this case as one of the signs of the three elements: index, icon, and symbol.

In analyzing the phrase "And then my heart with pleasure fills" from William Wordsworth's poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud*, we can interpret it within the framework of Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic theory as a symbol with profound significance. The phrase conjures up an idea of a very emotional encounter in which the individual is overcome with a thrill in their heart. This experience represents the subject's rich and complex inner state in addition to their bodily state. As a result, the term conveys a deeper notion of happiness and fulfillment than just a straightforward physical description. Symbols are employed in semiotic theory to convey ideas that are more general or abstract. "And then my heart fills with pleasure" is a metaphor for happiness and fulfillment in general. The reader can feel and comprehend this experience on a broader level in addition to its connection to the specific topic of the poem. In this way, the term serves as a symbol that conveys more profound human emotions and experiences. In addition to expressing the subject's happiness, the statement makes the reader feel cozy and satisfied. This demonstrates how the phrase can pique readers' interest and excite their imagination, improving their reading experience.

### **3.10 Analysis of the "And dances with the daffodils."**

"And dances with the daffodils" in the poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* by William Wordsworth, the line that captures the speaker's emotional reaction to viewing gorgeous daffodils: "And dances with the daffodils." Here, the term "dances" refers more to the speaker's sentiment or expression of joy and enthusiasm than it does to a precise physical motion. The speaker wants to dance with the daffodils because she is so drawn to their beauty. This conveys the speaker's genuine satisfaction and joy. "With the daffodils" refers to the daffodils, which are the topic of the dancing act.

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In analyzing the phrase "And dances with the daffodils" from William Wordsworth's poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud*, we can interpret it within the framework of Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic theory as a symbol with profound significance. The term "dances" in the line "And dances with the daffodils" is employed symbolically. The speaker employs personification to attribute human qualities to the daffodils and use the metaphor of dancing to depict their movement, implying a vibrant and jubilant motion. The usage of "dances" in this context is based on a widely accepted cultural and linguistic understanding that links dancing with joy and energy, rather than any inherent visual or causal relationship. The phrase "And dances with the daffodils" conjures a vivid depiction of a state of harmony and mutual delight experienced by the speaker and the flowers.

This is accomplished through the use of symbolic language, in which the act of dancing serves as a metaphorical representation of the interplay and harmony between the human experience and environment. The term "dances" is not meant to be taken literally, but rather serves as a metaphorical depiction of the speaker's emotional and sensory encounter with the daffodils. According to Peirce, the sentence "And dances with the daffodils" is most accurately categorized as a symbol. The poem uses symbolic language to express the emotional impact and metaphorical bond between the speaker and the daffodils. It utilizes the conventional connotations of the term "dance" to enhance the vividness of the imagery and the profoundness of the emotions conveyed in the poem.



#### 4. CONCLUSION

This study explores the signs and symbols conveyed in the poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* by William Wordsworth, utilizing Charles Sanders Peirce's semiotic theory. Semiotics is employed to uncover the significance of signs and symbols within the text of William Wordsworth's poem "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud" through the use of icons, indexes, and symbols. Based on the analysis of the poetry data, it has been discovered that the data in the poem *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* by William Wordsworth contains icons, indexes, and symbols. The poem uses various phrases as icons, such as "Fluttering and dancing in the breeze", "Tossing their heads in sprightly dance", and "The waves beside them danced". The phrase "Besides the lake, beneath the trees" serves as an index, indicating the setting of the poem's events. There are also several phrases found as symbols in the poem, including; "Lonely as a cloud", "A host, of golden daffodils", "Continuous as the stars that shine", "I gazed-and gazed-", "And then my heart with pleasure fills", and "And dances with the daffodils".

Through our recognition of the interaction between icons, indices, and symbols in the poem, we have developed a greater admiration for Wordsworth's artistic brilliance and his skill in expressing intricate emotions and ideas using succinct and evocative language. The poem's lasting popularity is evidence of its widespread appeal, as readers from different eras consistently find comfort, happiness, and a revived bond with nature in its lines. Essentially, this semiotic study has not only enhanced our comprehension of *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud* but has also emphasized the ability of poetry to surpass linguistic barriers and convey significant insights about the human spirit and its connection with the natural world. This serves as a reminder that even the most basic words, when skillfully composed and infused with symbolic significance, can have a lasting effect on readers, encouraging them to delve into their feelings and establish a stronger bond with the world.

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