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You are mine
I am yours
My face...
Let me kiss your dark brow

My pain
My dark
You are mine
I am Yours

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Let me have you

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ABSTRACT

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This thesis discusses the African American or colonized people’s response to the colonial culture, which is drawn in Beloved. It also discusses how the author expresses her colonialism resistances through the characters and symbols in the novel. The discussion of colonial resistance is taken from the text of the novel itself. The scope of the study is focused on textual analysis.

The approach to use in this thesis is post-colonialism approach. This thesis takes three main post-colonial issues to analyse the topic. They are Orientalism, Postcolonial Remembering, and Hybridity.

This thesis uses inductive method to discuss and analyse the fact about symbols and the Negro characters’ action when they against colonial culture in slave narrative. The data of this thesis are collected from reading some relevant articles, books, and references, and constructed to make a clear and detailed explanation about this thesis. The primary data is the novel itself. Besides the novel as the primary data, the discussion needs another data that are relevant to the topic discussion to support the analysis, such as books, articles, and dictionaries.

There are several goals to gain in this thesis. The first is to show that the awareness process of decolonisation will create self-actualisation against colonial dominance. The second is to show the importance of communal support in the process of self-liberation from colonialism. The third is to gain clear understanding about the methods of the African American process of re-creating new identity as manifestation of their resistance.
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