

## ABSTRACT

**LILIS : A Study of how Edwin Arlington Robinson Thinks of Life and his Expression of Life in the poem "*Isaac and Archibald*".**

This study is an analysis of a poem "Isaac and Archibald". The objectives of the study are to find out whether the poem is an expression of Robinson's opinion about life, what the theme of the poem is and to find out what the poet actually wants us to learn from the poem.

Based on the principle that literature is the expression of the artist's experience, this study employs a biographical approach. The technique I have used is describing the opinion and attitudes toward life of the characters in the poem by showing the lines which support the description, and then comparing those opinions and attitudes of the characters with the poet's opinion and attitudes toward life. By this way I have found out that the poem indeed reveals the poet's personality and his opinion about life. The poet also gives us some advice that life is hard and everybody must struggle to live comfortably but we need not despair in facing our life because there is something worthwhile if we are able to pass the obstacles.