A Note on Documentation and Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in the thesis:

**Works by Toni Morrison:**

- **TBE**: The Bluest Eye
- **PID**: Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and Literary Imagination
- **SOS**: Song of Solomon
- **TBY**: Tar Baby

**Works by Sarah Joseph:**

- **AP**: Aalaahaayute Penmakkal
- **KKK**: Kaaditu Kangayyo Kaanta
- **KS**: Kaadinte Sangitam
- **MTM**: Manassile Ti Maatram
- **NA**: Nilaavariyunnu
- **NV**: Nanmatinmakalu te Vrksam
- **OS**: Oduvilitte Suuryakaanti
- **PT**: Paapattara

**Documentation of sources:**

Except for the translated works of Sarah Joseph, quotations from primary and secondary sources in Malayalam have been translated by the scholar herself.

For methodology, the recommendations of *MLA Handbook*, 4th ed., have been followed.

The page numbers that appear with the references from Sarah Joseph's stories are generally keyed to their original sources in her collected works in Malayalam, as indicated in appropriate places with the analyses. However, for her translated stories, the quotations are taken from the translations, and the sources cited parenthetically are those of the translations themselves.