Hoagy Carmichael (1941) originally wrote "Skylark" for a musical about his deceased friend, Bix Beiderbecke. The song's melody is said to have been based on Beiderbecke solos. The first recording was by Glenn Miller in 1942. Johnny Mercer, the lyricist, claimed that "Skylark" was not inspired by a poem by Shelley, but the similarities cannot be ignored.









