

You Are My Sunshine

Jimmie Davis and Charles Mitchell

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“You Are My Sunshine” is a popular song recorded by Jimmie Davis and Charles Mitchell.[1] and first recorded in 1939. It has been declared one of the state songs of Louisiana because of its association with former state governor and country music singer Davis.

The song has been covered numerous times — so often, in fact, that it is “one of the most commercially programmed numbers in American popular music.”[2] The song, originally country music, has “virtually lost” its original country music identity, and “represent[s] both the national flowering of country music and its eventual absorption into the mainstream of American popular culture.”[2] In 1941, it was covered by Gene Autry, Bing Crosby, Mississippi John Hurt and Lawrence Welk.[2] In subsequent years, it was covered by Ray Charles, Ike and Tina Turner, The Rivingtons (1962), Aretha Franklin, Johnny Cash, Brian Wilson, Mouse and the Traps, Jamey Johnson, Low and Andy Williams, amongst many others.[2]

The 1940 version by Davis has been added to the National Recording Registry in the Library of Congress on March 21, 2013 for long-term preservation.[3]

Chorus:

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
you make me happy when skies are gray
you’ll never know dear, how much I love you,
please don’t take my sunshine away.

Verse

The other night dear, as I lay sleeping,
I dreamed I held you in my arms,
but when I woke dear, I was mistaken,
and I hung my head and cried.

Chorus:

Verse

I’ll always love you and make you happy
if you will only say the same
but if you leave me to love another
you’ll regret it all some day

Chorus...

Verse

You told me once dear you really loved me
that no one else could come between
but now you’ve left me and love another
you have shattered all my dreams.

Chorus...