

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR PRESIDENT

MARVE

Do you think the Marilyn booking
was a such a smart idea?

STUART

You worry too much Marve.
Everything's gonna be A-ok.

Marilyn enters, with a giant cake.

MARVE

Marilyn! The President is going to
be delighted to see you.

STUART

He's an, um, admirer of your work.

MARILYN

I just want to give Jack a birthday
present he won't forget!

MARVE

Great! So how about we do a little
run through? Quick rehearsal?
Little warm up.

MARILYN

Sure thing, boys. Here goes then:

She gets into the cake and pops out.

MARILYN (CONT'D)

Happy birthday to you, happy
birthday to you, I had sex with the
President, happy birthday to you.
Do you like it? I wrote it myself.

They're not so sure.

MARVE

You know, it's great, but I do see
some problems.

MARILYN

You do? Why?

MARVE

Well, to some people - not to me -
but to some people, the news that
you and the President are - um -

MARILYN
Getting a little fresh?

STUART
Exactly.

MARILYN
Feeling a little frisky?

STUART
Spot on.

MARILYN
Having sex on the desk in the Oval
Office while Jackie takes Jack
Junior for his morning walk in the
garden?

MARVE
Well, some people might find that a
touch controversial.

MARILYN
Really? Oh no. Who?

STUART
Well, the First Lady for instance.
Off the top of my head.

MARILYN
Oh. I just wanted to make it
personal, you know, make Jack happy
on his birthday. But, no problem. I
came up with some different words
that I learned just in case.

MARVE
Different words. Ok. Interesting.
Well, let's hear them!

MARILYN
Oh, ok then. Happy Birthday to you.
Happy Birthday to you.

MARVE
Sounding great!

MARILYN
I had sex with one current or past
President of the United States, (it
was the President!) Happy birthday
to you.

MARVE

Right. Ok.

MARILYN

Pretty subtle, right, boys?

STUART

Maybe not quite as subtle as you think.

MARVE

Marilyn. Baby. Here's the thing: personally I'm all for it. I think it's great! But these State dinners can be a touch, what's the word for it?

STUART

Conservative?

MARVE

Conservative.

MARILYN

So you don't like my song?

MARVE

Marilyn! Honey! We love your song.

STUART

Love it like a 3 o'clock martini and an over the pants handjob from my secretary Gail.

MARVE

I just think, maybe, people will respond better to something a little less, you know, about having sex with the Leader of the Free World.

STUART

Those stuffy conservatives with their stuffy conservative values. Puh. But that's the way it is.

MARILYN

Alright, I'll give it my best try. More conservative. Like this: Happy Birthday to you.

MARVE

Yes, liking it.

MARILYN
Happy birthday to you,

MARVE
Yes. Big thumbs up from me.

MARILYN
I'm NOT having sex with the
President (WINK), happy birthday to
you.

STUART
Christ.

MARVE
I see what you did there.

MARILYN
I'm pretty sure Jack's going to
really get a kick outta it!

MARVE
Look. The dinner's over, it's
nearly time for you to go on, so
how about I just draw a line in the
sand here and say, why don't we go
with the regular old lyrics?

MARILYN
Just the regular song?

STUART
I like it!

MARVE
I think it's a winner!

STUART
And maybe nix the cake.

MARILYN
The cake? You really think so
fellas?

MARVE
You know, time was, a person could
jump out of a cake and sing about
having sex with the President, and
nobody would jump to conclusions,
but that was a different America.
Some may say, a better America. But
we have to be realists here.

MARILYN

So you want me to go out there,
fully dressed, no cake, and sing

She stands to sing.

Happy Birthday to you, happy
birthday to you, happy birthday Mr
President, happy birthday to you?

She stays standing.

MARVE

Exactly.

MARILYN

Ok then.

She exits.

STUART

You think that's going to fool
anybody?

MARVE

Not a chance.

STUART

Back up plan?

MARVE

You steal her house keys. I'll get
the sleeping pills.