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[Snapshot, 1954: Sun, a cola and a smouldering diva](#)

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This image from 1954 depicts a happy-go-lucky Marilyn Monroe basking in the sun, ice-cold bottle of cola (and is that a cheeky brandy?) within reach...

Apparently taking a break from filming, Marilyn's outfit comprises Lucite heels, bangle earrings and a stunning two-piece swimsuit. With her wedding band notably absent, it's likely that the photo was taken in the latter months of 1954 – meaning she had already filmed the legendary 'white dress' moment in *The Seven Year Itch*. With the popularity that scene generated, it's no wonder she chose a similar hue in which to frolic in the balmy outdoors...

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