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“So, I thank everyone.

Especially my mom

who made me so funky.”

– Articolo 31, Tanqi Funky, 1996 –

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