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.001 x 10⁻²³⁴, or Scientific Notation

Mathematicians eagerly round to zero
when something's close enough to nothing,
representing such an infinitesimal
probability or preposterously
microscopic decimal
that they just can't calculate
its universal lack of implication.

Lying on my lawn tonight
I realize they would round for you
without thinking twice,
so it's good that I'm not preoccupied
with percentages.
I just like to lie
under the moon with you
thinking about the planets
and the creeping tilt of the night,
pondering the feeling
that is you beside me.

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