

40 Million Xs

I'm the Xs in the dictionary
brief, often overlooked and
easy to pass by, to skip
past, but exotic and
exciting when found, fulfilling and fetishized for
a moment, passé afterwards
two pages out of 1,600
a percentage not even
worth the equation, not worth
the mention, or
something like a something something—not even worth the metaphor
perfect?
no
body
think about it
perfection?
every
body
what is there to think about? from
400,000 (slaves) to
40 million (african-americans) over
400 (years)
give or take
and still I feel like
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