26. How can the tree
Verse by Lord Thomas Vaux

Anonymous

How can the tree but waste and wi- ther a- way, that hath not
What food- less beast can live long in good plight? Or what's the
Where- to serve cares if that there be no sound? Or such a

some- time com- fort of the sun? How can the flow'r but fade and soon de-
life, where sen- ses there be none? Or what a- vail- eth eyes with- out their
head where no de- vise doth grow, but all of plaints, since sor- rows is the

cay, that al- ways is with dark clouds o- ver- run? Is this a life?
sight? Or else a tongue to hi,m that is a- lone? Is this a life?
ground where- by the heart doth pine in dead- ly woe?

Nay, death I may it call, that feels each pain and knows no joy at all. Is all.

1) Note one course lower in orig.