The complete dispatch

1 / A slot reserved for the sun

E1 fixes TEA immediately before SPEECH and SUNSHINE immediately after SPEECH. BELL must follow SUNSHINE. With all four items used once, the only order is TEA, SPEECH, SUNSHINE, BELL. Tea begins at 17:40 and lasts 3 minutes; speech ends 4 minutes later at 17:47. Seven minutes of sunshine therefore run from 17:47 to 17:54. The bell finishes at 17:56.

2 / One suitable parcel

E2 makes P18 the only match. It contains SUNSHINE, releases exactly 7 minutes and has a receiver window covering 17:47-17:54. P32 is MOONLIGHT; P21 is only 6 minutes; P44 opens at 17:48 and cannot accept the required first minute. Shifting the ceremony, combining parcels or extending their contents is excluded by E1-E2.

3 / A receiver that has not retired

P18's ticket is N / E / E / S. E3 gives C1 > B1 > B2 > B3 > C3. The final square is Glassroof waiting room, status ACTIVE. The Old ticket office at A3 is retired, but it is not the endpoint of P18's route. Intermediate index squares are not destinations.

4 / Restore the delivery

Retrieve sealed P18 from rack R, clear its erroneous RECEIVER RETIRED hold, connect C3 / Glassroof waiting room and queue release for 17:47. The complete cycle finishes at 17:54. Leave the other three parcels unchanged. Planning and setup remain at fictional 17:38; the magical connection adds no travel time.

> The handling record confirms the same P18 independently after the deduction. If you reached a different parcel, compare your earlier written reasoning with E1-E2 before accepting this answer.

Why the seven minutes went missing

Every loose end accounted for

The light was missing from the outgoing rack, not destroyed or stolen. E4 records Nell moving P18 to review rack R at 17:35 and suspending its release after confusing a person's RETIREMENT with a RECEIVER RETIRED status. E3 proves the intended receiver is still ACTIVE. Rack R preserves sealed weather, so all seven minutes remain. The tea spill damaged the customer's reference and address, while the ceremony rules and permanent route ticket provided a complete recovery path.

A useful correction is to verify the exact receiver square in E3 before applying a retirement hold. Matching a word in a customer's note is not a receiver-status check. There is no additional culprit or hidden event required to explain the records.

The first evening off

You reach the station while the farewell speech is still going. Ada has left an empty chair beside hers, just as she did the night your train was cancelled.

At 17:47, sunlight spreads across the Glassroof waiting room. It warms the tea rings on the table and catches the brass edge of Ada's old lamp. She looks up at the window, then at you. "You found your way back."

Nobody asks Ada to light anything. For seven minutes, she lets someone else do it.

At 17:54 the sunshine ends exactly as promised. The farewell bell rings for two minutes. Ada closes her bag, takes your hand for a moment and steps out to her train. You stay until she is aboard.

Back at the Bureau, Nell adds CHECK THE RECEIVER to the hold procedure. Basil files your dispatch slip under Delivered. For once, that is quite enough paperwork.

> CASE CLOSED. This mini-mystery is complete. You do not need to buy another game to resolve it.

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