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1 egg	½ cup milk
½ cup brown sugar	1 tsp vanilla

Beat the egg slightly, add sugar, milk and chocolate. Cook over hot water until the mixture is thick and smooth, stir often. Let cool, then add vanilla. This mixture can be cooling while the cake batter is being made.

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Cream the butter well, then add the sugar. When blended, add egg yolks and beat. Mix flour and baking powder, and add alternately with the milk. Add the dark batter and mix. Then fold in fluffy egg whites and dissolved soda.

Pour into 2 tins and bake at 175C for about 40 minutes.

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