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Early Victorian Bisque Jointed Baby Doll, Circa 1840

£45

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Description

A charming and rare early Victorian bisque jointed baby doll, dating to circa 1840. With its softly modelled features, finely finished bisque surface, and articulated construction, this delightful survivor offers a vivid glimpse into the world of childhood in the first decades of Queen Victoria's reign.

Dolls of this period were often treasured possessions rather than disposable toys, made with considerable care and intended to be handled, dressed, and cherished over many years. The jointed body allowed a degree of movement and posed display, bringing an engaging sense of life to the figure. Its innocent baby form and subtle modelling reflect the growing Victorian interest in childhood as a distinct and sentimental stage of life.

The unglazed bisque gives the doll a gentle, matte complexion, with a quality of surface and expression that is difficult to replicate in later mass-produced examples. Such early dolls are increasingly appreciated not only as toys, but as important objects of social history, craftsmanship, and domestic life.

A particularly appealing piece for collectors of early dolls, nursery antiques, Victorian childhood memorabilia, or decorative objects with genuine age and character. Displayed in a nursery, cabinet, or period interior, it would make a wonderfully evocative focal point.

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