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Sommario/riassunto	Many of the ideas that appear in poet Matthew Arnold's Preface to the Poems of 1853 to his collection of poems and in his later essays are suggested in the letters that Arnold wrote to his friend Arthur Hugh Clough. Literature was, in Arnold's perception, meant to communicate a message rather than impress by its structure or by formal sophistication. Modern theories of coalescence between content and form were outside the contemporary paradigm. T. S. Eliot's ambivalent attitude to Arnold-at once reluctantly admiring and decidedly patronizing-is puzzling. Eliot never seemed able to liberate him

